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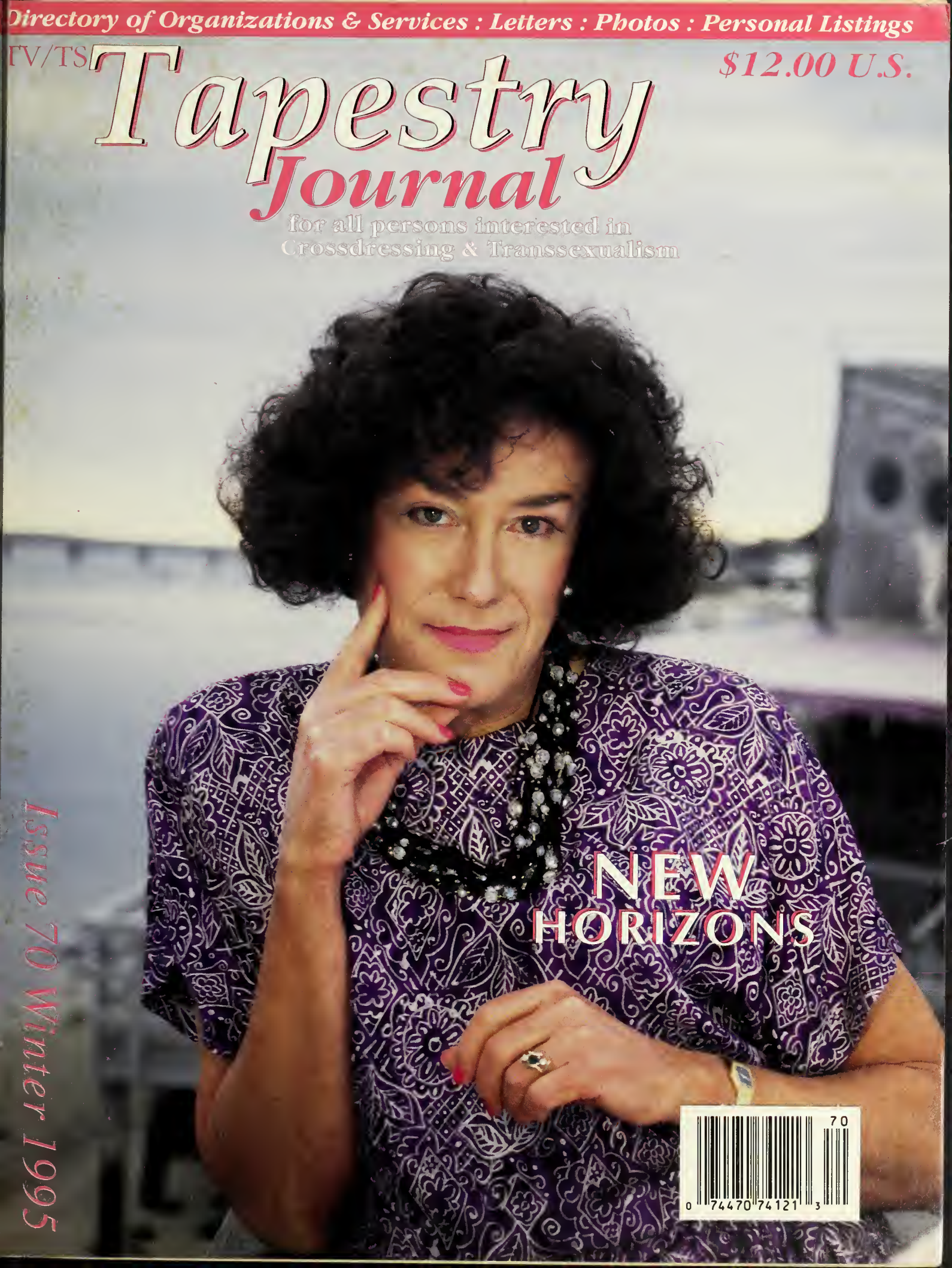

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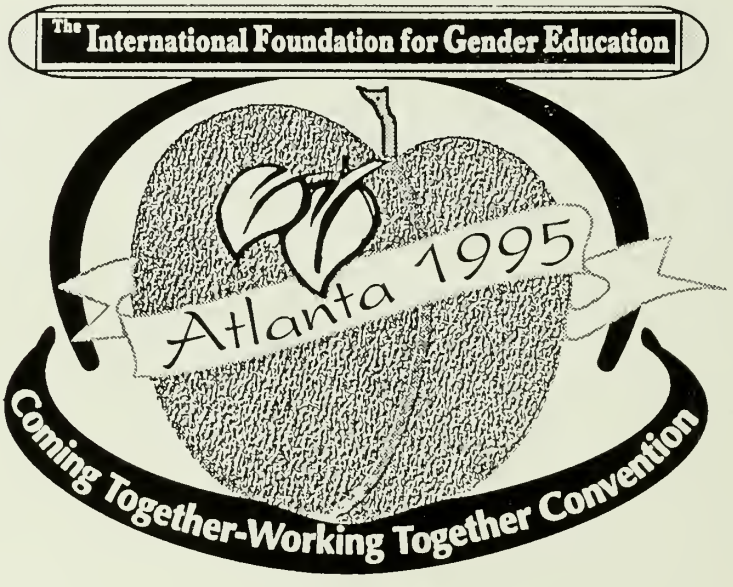

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The Editor's Desk

This is the crossdressing issue. Honest, it is. Really. There's even an article called "Defining Transvestism," for God's sake. If you read the whole magazine you will have to admit, even if grudgingly, that it is, mostly, about crossdressing.

A lot of the articles are about going to events. And events are important. They are an opportunity to do things and learn things in a usually safe environment; to take the risk to step through the fear. They are assuring and confirming. They can be vivifying, taking us right to the edge of who we are; sometimes, if we let them. They can also become a comfortable place to get stuck and walk through the same scene again and again, or over and over again if you prefer. So we have to pay attention and be careful.

A lot of the articles are by wives, partners, significant others. That's good because the people they talk about, their husbands, partners and other significant others, make up the majority of crossdressers. These women talk about events, too, and about trust and growth. And about how it is sometimes not so easy to keep trust, growth and a relationship all going at the same time. It's good to hear it from someone who is not on the inside looking out. One of the things that I think is genetically encoded in members of the gender community is an inability to see ourselves in the mirror.

Southern Comfort gets a fair amount of coverage in this issue. And California Dreamin'. And Moonlight in Manhattan. Of those three I've only been to Southern Comfort. It was a striking experience. I was struck by a lot of the folks I met there, and some I didn't meet, but just listened to or saw, or heard about. A lot of people that were there were striking out in various ways, taking new risks, coming back and telling us about having taken them. Striking out to explore new territory.

Some were wreathed in smiles, others had questioning looks in their eyes, and others had not completely covered their psychic and spiritual wounds with dressings. The admission price to life is pretty high, but staying outside on the sidewalk talking about this and that and flipping cigarette butts into the gutter gets pretty painful after a while.

Dianna C. has still yet again another take on all this third sex/gender/shaman story, but she has done her homework and that's always impressive. You might not agree with her, but clearly, just saying, "You're wrong," isn't enough.

And Marci tells about the path she walked to get where she is. It took a lot of years, and she takes a lot of words, but I think taking the long way around is another of those things genetically encoded in gender people. God forbid we should see what the next move is and take it. What would happen if it were the right move.

Abby tries to get Lee Brewster to tell where he's been and what he's seen over the past twenty-five years. That's a little like asking the Statue of Liberty to tell about all the people who went through those huge echoing halls on Ellis Island. Lee was always there. He is present and has presence. I remember *Drag* magazine, the annual trips to New Orleans and the much-smaller store west of Times Square. Small as the store was, there always seemed to be at least one of everything in every size, and at least one copy of every book or magazine ever printed on gender issues. He's grown. We've grown. There's a connection there. Thank God that was so long ago. Thank God Lee was there then and is still here now.

Selena Anne Shepherd is here again partly because I finally figured one of her whatever-they-ares out: this one is a parable, and it's in this issue because it's the parable of crossdressing.

Okay, Christine Beatty's in here, too. I didn't say it was the exclusively crossdressing issue, I just said it's the crossdressing issue.

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THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN!

Well, the religious right is at it again. No sooner do we get past the noxious Washington State initiatives 608 and 610, when a whole slew of new anti-gay and anti-transgender initiatives rear their ugly heads. There are new initiatives in Gainesville, Florida; Arizona; Idaho; and Maine. Even Lon Mabon, Oregon's Baron of Bigotry, also has a new initiative. You may remember Lon's Oregon Citizen's Alliance sponsored Proposition #9. That was the initiative that would have written into the state's constitution that we were, by law, perverts, and would, by law, have to be treated as such. However, as cruel as these initiatives are, I believe the worst of the lot comes from the United States Senate.

Jesse Helms (to no one's surprise I'm sure) proposed an amendment to the Secondary Education Act. This amendment would deny federal funds to any school that "supports or promotes homosexuality." That includes transgendered issues by association. Helms' amendment defines support as providing counseling, or any support systems, or information, or referrals—or any help at all. This wording was nearly verbatim from most of the anti-gay anti-transgendered initiatives the religious right has introduced. Here is the scary part. The U.S. Senate passed it by a vote of 63-36.

The U.S. Senate, by a vote of 63-36, voted to deny gay and transgendered youth any help at all, and voted to punish schools that chose to provide that help.

My God! The American Civil Liberties Union, the National Organization of Women, Hands Off Washington, gay organizations, transgendered organizations, thousands if not millions of individuals, grassroots groups and national groups have dedicated their resources and themselves to stop this kind of bigotry, and what happens? The U.S. Senate passes an amendment that reeks with homophobic and transphobic bigotry without so much as a whisper.

When I read about this amendment, while fighting off the urge to throw-up and then cry, I thought back to my own childhood. I lived in a black world filled with people wallowing in ignorance, terrified of anyone or anything that might be different. It was a world of hatred, bigotry, and intolerance, a world that many of you know very well. It was a world in which everyone, not just gay and transgendered people, lived in fear of rejection, and of not fitting in. No one knew anything, and no one wanted to know anything. All I knew was that I desperately wanted to be female, but there was no counseling, no support systems, no information, no referrals—no help at all.

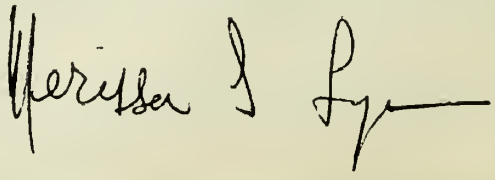
So, what would Helms' amendment change? Nothing! All it would do is guarantee the status quo. It would guarantee that the ignorance, the hatred, the fear, the bigotry, the rejection, and the devastating consequences of all that, would continue. Adults would remain ignorant and inflict the consequences of that ignorance upon their kids. Their kids, the ones that survive, would grow up to be ignorant adults and inflict that ignorance on their kids,and so on,and so on.

Besides keeping the vicious circle alive and well, what are the consequences of keeping people in ignorance about sex and gender? What are the consequences of not teaching people to respect other people's differences, or to accept responsibility for their own actions? Death is just one of the consequences. More than 30% of teenage suicides are gay and transgendered kids. Suicide is the leading cause of death among young gay and transgendered people. Thousands of children run away every year. Many turn to drugs and prostitution and wind up dead in the streets, or living ruined lives. How many people have died or will die of sexually transmitted diseases?

Maintaining the status quo, keeping our children and our society in ignorance and intolerance, will not stop these tragedies from happening. However, breaking the cycle of ignorance, and teaching respect and responsibility, will.

Sixty-three U.S. Senators voted to maintain the status quo. We might remind them of one of Jesus's quotes, "Forgive them father, for they know not what they do." I'm not so magnanimous. I believe they do know what they do. I just don't believe they understand the consequences. It's up to us to help them understand. Don't forgive them. Teach them.

My love to you all,



A REQUEST FOR HELP FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Dear Friend,

We are once again writing to you in an effort to solicit your help. For the sake of simplicity, we are using the term *transgendered* to describe the entire community of TVs, TSs, TGs, and CDs. All of us in the transgendered community recognize that over the past ten to twenty years, our community has made much progress in terms of social groups and activities, literature, research projects, local educational and support services groups, and somewhat greater acceptance and understanding from the public at large.

But unlike most other organizations, e.g., gay and lesbian community, handicapped community, women's rights movement, black and ethnic groups, we have not yet organized ourselves in a unified way to change the paradigm of gender. The vast majority of people still have no concept of what it means to be transgendered. As a result, they are unaccepting, frightened, even threatened, as it challenges their view of what is a man and what is a woman. Even our own family members don't understand us and often reject us.

Where other groups have made great inroads into the public and family accepting their differences, our group has not. Low self-esteem, isolation, secrecy, guilt keep us from becoming a powerful group. Because most of us are able to keep our transgendered side secret, we protect ourselves by avoiding involvement. Recognizably, we have a lot at stake; and therefore, although we'd like to be vocal many can't - we think not until there is better recognition, understanding, and acceptance. But how will this ever happen if we don't do something about it. ***If we are not for each other then who will be!*** "We" must first work towards gaining acceptance and understanding for ourselves and our families through education, political action, more comprehensive and knowledgeable professional help. Who can we rely on to accomplish this except ourselves.

There are numerous people in our community whose lives and family relationships have transcended the question of gender. They show us what is possible. Many of them are actively donating their time and money in an effort to make social and educational changes for the betterment of the entire community: from the child who at five might recognize they are different, to the teenager who thinks their self and gender are in discord, to the adult who is fearful of having an honest relationship with their spouse. Can you imagine how much richer your life would be if you could share your life with those you love and be loved by them for whom you are.

Unfortunately, it takes great effort to make changes, especially changes which challenge tradition and cause fear. Women are assumed to be more sensitive, nurturing, empathic, sharing in family duties. Men are assumed to be more self-reliant, confident, have a career, contribute to the support of the family. Historically these gender attributes have been arbitrarily assigned to a sex by society. When an individual challenges these assumptions, they challenge them for all society. Any one of any sex who embraces the wrong set of attributes is subject to ridicule by our society. Only if we act together can we move society beyond its fear.

With the forces of the gay-lesbian community and the woman's movement already making great inroads into the traditional male dominated view of sex and gender, our unique focus and understanding could be the missing piece that causes the redefinition of sex and gender. This new paradigm of sex and gender would be simple: **Allow people to be who they are without the stigma of being different.**

The opportunity to make change exists *NOW*. Social and political change are on our menu everyday. The Board of IFGE has recognized this and developed the Vision 2000 Strategic Plan which re-engineers IFGE into a professional organization representing the needs of the community and the need for effective change. The goals of Vision 2000 are:

1. To educate both the members of our community and the general public about crossdressing, transgender, and transsexual issues.

2. To monitor those in the medical, psychological, and psychiatric health fields who care for our community and to educate the providers about gender issues.

3. To monitor and publicize legislation and legislative changes that affect our community.

4. To provide legal back-up and/or referrals to victims of discrimination in our community.

5. To provide outreach to and referrals for individuals and organizations within our community.

6. To support projects in our community that will help us reach our goals.

Many in our community may not realize that IFGE is the only non-profit organization in our community that is successfully providing with its limited funding the following services at no charge to the entire community:

1. Mails event and product information at no-charge for non-profit groups such as Southern Comfort, Fantasia Fair, California Dreaming, SPICE, etc.

2. Provides direct access to a live person 12 hours a day for almost 360 days a year to help troubled people within the community.

3. Provides a referral list of organizations around the world that can assist an individual in contacting others in their own local area. Additionally IFGE publishes a list of health-care providers that can be contacted, and makes referrals on an individual basis.

4. Is in constant communications with the community leaders and is involved in assisting those leaders in provide better local services and programs.

5. Is the community's communications network designed to accept and distribute information about activities, programs, educational, and support services, and most recently potential threats against the community members from legislative repression.

6. Offers a forum for various community organizations to work for our common cause through the congress of Transgendered Organizations (CTO).

7. Offers workshops for professionals through the services of Dr. Sheila Kirk (medical), Phyllis Randolph Frye, Esq. (legal), Dr. Sandra Cole (psychological), and others willing and able to educate in their field of expertise.

8. Offers a bookstore , a reading library, archives, reference material.

9. Has a doctor on staff who acts as a medical liaison and is doing research on gender issues.

10. Is a publishers' clearing house.

In order for us to survive as a unified community and make social, political and educational changes, we must support the programs of IFGE. We need your financial support to keep IFGE alive and growing. We also need your funding for the projects that emanate from IFGE which will empower the community and help it grow and gain acceptance. For example, one of the significant ways in which IFGE educates professional care-givers about the transgendered community is by renting and staffing a booth and attending the annual conventions of the American Psychological Association, American Association of Sex Educators, Counsellors and Therapists (AASECT), National Association of Social Workers, and the American Psychiatric Association. The cost to attend one of these meetings is $6,000 to $9,000. Attending such conventions is the most cost effective method of reaching thousands of care-giving professionals who are in dire need of information and who can have extraordinary impact on the well-being of our community.

It takes your dollars to make it happen. But we must do even more. We must begin to have a presence in various teachers' associations, in Parent Teachers Associations, and in political action organizations in our local areas. More research projects are needed; more books and articles written about being transgendered are needed; a public relations program must be developed.

Nothing can happen without funding. **The community must learn to give if it is to improve the life of its members. Progress and acceptance will not just happen.**

In this issue of *Tapestry* is a donation card. Every dollar is important to our community and to your growth and freedom, so please give as much as you can. Help us to help you and your family have a more fulfilling life through IFGE's presence, publications, research and education projects. Nothing is for free. Please support IFGE and make a better life for all of us.

Thank you,

Sharon Emek, Chairperson

Merissa Sherrill Lynn

Pink Moon Rising, Kindred Spirits

In April 1991, Rena Swifthawk, a Native American medicine woman, gave a luncheon benediction. In that brief ten-minute prayer Rena transcended both cross-dressing and gender identity. She cut through politics and social mores, right through to the essence of who and what we were. Rena Swifthawk had introduced a new dimension to the transgender community—the dimension of spirit.

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Most people listened to her with respect and courtesy. Many were visibly moved. A few of us watched and listened with the eyes and ears of our hearts, and we understood. Rena had planted a spiritual seed. For the next year a small group of us nurtured that seed, and helped it grow. Then in April 1992 Rena gave a workshop. It was a workshop filled with Native American flute music, and ancient insights into who and what we were, and why we were. It explored the realization that what was on the outside was only an expression of what was on the inside, and the inside was important, not the outside. It explored our reality as spiritually gifted people, and our roles as caretakers, healers, teachers, and nurturers. For some, the workshop was for learning about Native American traditions. For many others, the workshop was about who we really were, and our reason for being.

Rena is gone, but she left us a legacy upon which to build. That legacy is the realization that we are far more than how we express ourselves. It is the realization of that which makes us who and what we are, our spirit, that it is a God-given (Creator-given) gift, and we have the obligation to use that gift in a good way.

The spiritual seed Rena planted has taken full root, and is growing rapidly. However, the questions remain: What exactly is that gift? How can we use it in a good way? Rena left us without giving us the answers. She left us with the responsibility of finding out for ourselves. That is also part of her legacy. So, we search for the answers to those questions in what we write, and in the books we read. We search for them in what we wear, how we act, in the way we interact with each other, and in the way we perceive ourselves as leaders, teachers, and as human beings. We search for them as we live our daily lives, and in our personal quests. We search for them in the increasing number of spiritual workshops being held at our conventions, and perhaps most profoundly, at spiritual retreats.

Spiritual retreats for the transgender community and our friends are something completely new. In fact, the first one I know of was Holly Boswell's retreat in the North Carolina mountains, held in September 1993. These retreats are products of Rena's legacy, and it's easy to see why. Traditional Native Americans recognized that the spirit (that makes all people and all things who and what they are) had more reality than the body (the external casing), and therefore respected the spirit above the body. Twin-souled persons, people such as ourselves, were acknowledged for having special spirits and special gifts. The twin-souled people used these gifts in a good way, for the benefit of the entire tribe, and were therefore respected and productive members of their societies. We, as twin-souled persons, have much to learn, and there is no better place to learn than at a transgendered spiritual retreat.

It has been my privilege, and my joy, to attend two such retreats. The first was Pink Moon Rising, an event coordinated by Cassie St. John (Cheryl Costa), held in April, in Maryland on a hill overlooking the Susquehanna River. The second was Kindred Spirits, an event coordinated by Jessa Bryan, held in September in the Jemez Mountains north of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

My drive to Pink Moon Rising was filled with apprehension. I had been to spiritual retreats before, and they were always disappointing. They seemed to me to be filled with spiritual wannabes, interested in meeting other spiritual wannabes, beating on drums, dancing, and getting a spiritual high. They seemed much too self-centered and shallow for me. I already had my spiritual act pretty much together, and was much less interested in a party than I was in learning how to use my spiritual gifts in a good and productive way, to better help other people. These other retreats were always fun, but

they left me unsatisfied. I was worried that Pink Moon Rising would be the same. I need not have worried.

I'm sorry I cannot explain to you what it felt like to attend this event. How can I explain something that I am still experiencing in my dreams and in my heart, something from which I am still learning? Among others attending, there was a 3rd degree Wicca Shaman, a Catholic priest, a young woman barely out of her teens, and a gay Maliseet Indian. How can I explain what it feels like to be with people so different, yet, once the external pretenses are stripped away, so much alike? How can I explain what it feels like to strip your mind of words, to let your senses and your heart reach out to and become one with the hawks overhead, the bass in the pond, and flowers in the woods, and to be at peace with all these things? I cannot explain them. They must be experienced.

Wonderful things happen when you enter this transcending sense of oneness and peace, this state of being. I don't know how else to explain it, for that's what it is, a state of being. First, clothing and gender become meaningless. They simply aren't important. Next, you become aware that you are, like everyone and everything else, part of something greater, and it feels good. You are not superior, you are not inferior, but you are equal to and equally important as everyone and everything else. You belong, you have a place, you have an importance, and a reason for being. You feel all this, and it is an extraordinary way to feel. It is even more extraordinary to be among other people who feel the same way, and that is exactly what I was missing in all the other retreats I had attended.

Rena introduced a *new dimension* to the transgendered community... *the dimension of the spirit*

Perhaps the most important quality of the retreat was our ability to communicate with everything around us, even with each other. From that ability to communicate came the ability to learn, and we all had much to learn. For instance, we, as a group, collaborated on building a medicine wheel. We first had to learn how. A red rock goes east and represents emotion and intuition, and a white rock goes north and represents knowledge and renewal. A yellow rock goes south, a black rock west, a large rock in the middle representing underlying unifying spirit of all things, then add 31 more rocks representing qualities and elements, everything that makes the universe. When the wheel was finished it was beautiful, and in balance, and we were happy. Then we stared at each other because no one knew what to do with it. It took us some time to realize the importance of the wheel was not in the ceremony, but in the learning and working together.

There were four geese and a duck that were always together. Two were white geese, one we called Father Goose and the other we called Mother Goose. Father Goose was definitely in charge. Two were strange geese with short necks and mottled grey feathers. Since we couldn't tell them apart, we called them Cheech and Chong. The duck was a huge black-headed mallard, so we called him Mandrake. Father, Mother, Cheech, Chong and Mandrake were absolutely inseparable. They flew together, ate together, swam together, slept together, and took care of each other. Whenever we were around, they would join us. If we sang, they sang. If we ate, we shared with them and they ate. If we sat, they sat. They were family, and to them so were we. To them it didn't matter if we were white, grey or black, or if we honked, quacked or spoke English. They taught us a great lesson about love, family, and respect.

There were many such lessons and many powerful experiences at Pink Moon Rising. For instance, Alison and I stood together to greet Grandfather Sun. We did not plan it that way, it just happened. She with her cornmeal and me with my tobacco, we said good morning to Grandfather, and opened our hearts to the lessons and the gifts we were going to receive that day. Both Alison and I found that the mere act of saying good morning in such a special way spiritually bonded us together and gave us a respect for each other that will remain with us for the rest of our lives. Everyone there bonded together in similar ways.

Cassie led us in a healing circle for Rena and Dr. Roger Peo, both of whom were dying. We entered the circle in a ceremonial way, joined our hands, said our prayers for Rena and Roger, shared our tears, and sent our healing energy to them. In the process, We found that together we could not only send a great deal of a

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It's Time For Your Medicine

by Dr. Sheila Kirk

What The Gender Community Needs From The Medical Community

All of us in the gender community do not need or want a great deal more of our health care professionals then that which is needed by other groups of people worldwide. At all times and to all people, medicine must always offer expertise in as much as is possible, through current research and propagation of medical information to the medical reader. Also, there must be considerate and responsive care, always. There has to be an ongoing interest in trying to solve the problem the patient or client presents in a genuine way. Lastly, the need for low cost, or at least reasonable cost, has to be kept in mind. To charge extraordinarily for services, diagnostic and therapeutic, is wrong and exclusive. Large numbers will not be able to receive adequate care because of their reduced financial resources. While government is trying to solve this last concern, inevitable as usual, they will not come to appropriate solutions. There is awareness and considerable thought being shared by both bureaucracy and citizenry, but their efforts will fall far short.

The transgendered community, however, is almost last in line for all three of these requirements placed on the medical community. To begin with, there is just not enough research and investigation of the transgendered person. A small core of researchers are putting forth great effort in looking at the many questions and problems of the transgendered, but it's not enough. Major problems need addressing. There are no answers to why transgendered exist. There are no answers to the questions of accurate and appropriate diagnosis, nor to the application of good psychological and medical therapies. For instance, we haven't begun to look at cardiovascular effects accurately for either the male or female on a contragender hormonal regimen. We know next to nothing about long term psychosocial adjustments of postoperative transsexuals. The information medical and psychologic practitioners have is spotty, scant and inadequately disseminated. There is great need for coordinated effort by the existing gender centers to pool the information and experience their caseloads provide. They must be inclined to publish in the medical literature. Generally, they are not. There are too few interested clinicians, too few knowledgeable medical physicians, surgeons, and mental health-care professionals, and there is too little contact between those who want to know and those who do know.

Nextly, there are responsible professionals to be found, but in any one city or state in this country, one can often count them on one hand. Most professionals actually don't care. The transgendered spirit is foreign, uncommon and a curiosity and does not really sponsor heartfelt response from most. Rare diseases and syndromes engender more interest. Looking at it very realistically, transgenderism is not rare and is not a disease entity, yet when one attends American Psychiatric Association meetings, the reactions of the convention attendees don't give that impression. Medical physicians very often are turned off by the transgendered person, and most surgeons are just not interested. Even the surgeons who do have interest are often technically inadequate and do not seek to extend their experience. In brief, professionals are much more apathetic than they are empathetic.

Lastly, medicine has progressed so rapidly in the past 25 years that methods of diagnosis have often left behind appropriate development of regimens for treatment. And it seems that these refined diagnostic methods carry with them very high cost. The cost of other services and medications have escalated notably as well. Even more important, the cost of hospital care both inpatient and outpatient is astounding. Just to occupy a room overnight and to have use of an operating room for two hours can cost well over $3,000. It doesn't matter whether out of pocket or with insurance coverage, it's far too high to pay. Yet someone is paying—ultimately it's the patient,

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insured or not.

It's not unusual to pay between $40 and $60 for a single antibiotic prescription to be used over a short span of time. That can be much more than a person can spare out of a weekly budget. It's not at all unusual to spend $75 to $100 for an ear nose and throat phy-sician's examination, or a cardiologist for just a routine office visit. When one looks at the costs for the transgendered for office visits, laboratory fees, medication cost and various surgical procedures, all of which in most instances are out of pocket, their figures are astronomical. While many individuals have insurance plans and third party coverage that will pay for visits, medication and surgery all or in part, virtually all the medical and surgical care for the transgendered person is not covered in this manner. In fact, coverage may be very limited and in reality most of the care is paid for out of personal resources. So many transgendered persons through no fault of their own are with marginal income and little potential for more. They sacrifice greatly and often go without basic needs to pay for the care they require. This is very sad and many times leads to tragic life and death situations.

What's to be done for our community, all members of it, be they crossdressers with just the need to feel comfortable going to their physicians with shaved legs, or the transsexual who is out in the open with his or her life. By and large it boils down to education and money, and it all seems to rest upon us. The transgendered community must supply both of these commodities. No one else is really going to help us. The few professionals who care for us with real interest and expertise will still charge notably for their services. Medical schools will not include in their curriculums any mention of us, even for one hour in their year-long Human Sexuality classes, even if they have such a program. Can we change this?

The transgendered community *must* supply both education & money

Yes we can, and in truth we must. We must put ourselves in front of the health-care professional early in their training and frequently thereafter in their practices. We must be credible, accurate, and informative in our presentations. We must not be curiosities, but rather believable people who are responsible and talented but who have a spirit that differs from the ordinary. We must show that we have substance and that we have definite needs to be met by the professional. We must impress them such that they rise to our challenges.

That same approach must be made to the media. We can't go into print or on the screen, as we so often do, as freaks and sensationalists. Believe it, much of what is currently before the public puts all of us in that light. We must take an active role in educating each other, and then we must make judicious selection of our representatives. The people who speak on our behalf to the professional and the television camera must be trained, factual and capable. If you don't find fault with the exotic, erotic, and eccentric people who speak for us now, you should.

Money is the last and final word for everything. It's no different here. For the advancement and credibility of our community, we must all of us give to our organizations at every level so as to fiance our educative process. Our approach to the professionals costs time and expense. We can't expect our representatives to assume this burden. We must finance our people going to medical conventions, to schools and to seminars, and we must contribute to those transgendered professionals who represent us and teach society. This is mandatory so that they can continue to educate on a much broader scale than is now possible.

If we teach first-year medical students, psychologists or social workers what they need to know about us, information will turn apathy into empathy. It will encourage research, and foster responsive, heartfelt care of the transgendered throughout their careers.

Medicine does have a responsibility to us in the transgendered community, but just as much, we have a responsibility to ourselves. We must begin to recognize this and to act upon it. Only then can we create in the professionals an interest and desire to care for us as we deserve.

Legal Briefs

by Phyllis Randolph Frye

Becoming A Better Legal Consumer

What began as my idea in June 1991, then was given some valuable input by Merissa Sherrill Lynn in August of that year, was embraced and promoted by Cynthia and Linda Phillips at the Texas T-Party of February 1992 (and 1993 and 1994), was sponsored for its first conference by Jackie Thorne and her Directors of the Gulf Coast Transgender Community (GCTC) in August 1992, and was awarded three annual grants from the Winslow Street Foundation, is now into its fourth year. It is the International Conference on Employment Law and Policy, Inc. (ICTLEP), also known as the Transgender Law Conference and as TRANSGEN: YOUR JOBS, YOUR HEALTH, YOUR RIGHTS AND YOUR DOCUMENTS.

I would be remiss if I did not recognize the attorneys who joined with me in those very early months. These were, in the order that they came, Sharon Ann Stuart of New York, Martine Aliana Rothblatt of Maryland, and Laura Elizabeth Skaer of Colorado. I owe them a great deal of gratitude, and so do you.

A review of our accomplishments, a scorecard if you will, is presented herein for your consideration. This card will score ICTLEP in the following areas: education in law through the *Proceedings*, education about law to transgendered non-attorneys, and developing progressive strategies for change. The major progressive strategy for change is to make you into a better consumer of legal services.

I. EDUCATION IN LAW THROUGH THE *PROCEEDINGS*

Each conference has a paid court reporter and audio and video technicians to faithfully preserve our work. These are compiled, edited and published in what we call *Proceedings*. The advantage of the written format is that it is easily recognized as a transcript, it is readily studied and reviewed, it is in a format useable in deposition or trial, and it contains an addendum of written items that were referenced at the conference. The advantage of the audio format (without the addendum) is that it is useable during commutes. The advantage of the video format (edited and without the addendum) is that it provides the impact of the visual image to local TG groups for monthly program supplements.

During the three conferences, we have discussed how the law relates to transgendered individuals in the following areas:

military	employment
family	housing
probate	discrimination
health	civil commitment
insurance	imprisonment
criminal	education
intervention	standards of care
divorce	medical policy
adoption	bill of rights
civil rights	child custody
passports	child visitation
drafting	identification
name change	gender change
birth certificate	

In addition, there are discussions and debates about getting the transgendered out of the *Diagnostic and Statistic Manual (DSM)* of the American Psychiatric Association (APA) just as the lesbian/gay community did back in the early 1970s (also, JoAnn Roberts has written a very insightful review of the new *DSM* appearing in *Cross-Talk*, Oct '94), about recognizing the fully hormonal non-surgical transsexual option, about promoting transition without divorce, and about counting the transgender census. Whatever has been presented at each conference in the above areas and topics is in the respective *Proceedings*.

PHOTO: Phyllis Frye receiving a Proclamation from the City of Houston signed by Mayor Bob Lanier, presented by City Council Member Felix Fraga, for "Transgender Law and Policy Conference Week."

Speakers thus far have included: Women business leaders, law school professors and an associate dean, authors and TG historians Leslie Feinberg and Gordene MacKenzie, an EEOC prosecutor, two legislators, three trial and three appellate judges, and numerous lesbian, gay, bisexual AND transgender (both our transgendered men and our transgendered women) activists.

We have placed a few and are constantly encouraging the purchase and donated placement of our*Proceedings* in county, parish and law school libraries. We hope to

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be "the" resource for legal knowledge and strategy in transgender issues.

If you are paying a lawyer with your green dollars, and she or he does not utilize our *Proceedings* in the matter of your legal interest, then she or he is not fully aware of the law and the strategies that are applicable to you, their transgendered client.

And, if you don't tell that same lawyer—to whom you are paying your green dollars—that you are transgendered, then you are simply not serious enough about who you are and should stop reading this article and go read other TG literature about such pressing matters as wigs, nail polish or foam rubber allergies.

II. EDUCATION ABOUT LAW TO TRANSGENDERED NON-ATTORNEYS

During our three transgender law conferences, well over 70% of those in attendance have been *non*-attorney transgendered.

Reread the above sentence.

Reread it one more time. Did you notice the "non" part of non-attorney was underlined?

ICTLEP has empowered the transgendered *non*-attorney with legal knowledge. Anyone who attends the TRANSGEN conferences or who studies (studies, not merely reads) the *Proceedings* becomes empowered with knowledge of what her or his rights are (usually it is what her or his rights are NOT) and consequently becomes a good consumer of legal services. I'll come back to legal consumerism.

The TRANSGEN Wednesday, Thursday and Friday workshop formats are just that: Workshops in the areas of jobs, rights, health and documents. They are moderated by attorneys or professionals in their fields and attended by both attorneys and *non*-attorneys in a

ICTLEP enters its *4th year* of making you a better *legal consumer*

usual mix of less than 30% to over 70%, respectively. The transgendered *non*-attorneys (like you reading this article now) are the folks that are in the real world facing real life problems and carrying real life concerns. The level of discussion is very high and the knowledge and strategies that emerge are often profound and sometimes surprising.

As an example, the International Bill of Gender Rights began as a third tier workshop at TRANSGEN'93, but it emerged as the most significant workshop of that conference. Further, consider the "Policy for the Imprisoned, Transgendered." That workshop was moderated by an ex-con prison rights activist. The comprehensive policy considerations were distilled into merely six statements and the sixth called for grievance hearings if the first five were not adhered to. Truly profound stuff.

The TRANSGEN Saturday Reports Day is with the moderators presenting the results of their workshops. This is mostly lecture and is designed for those who can only make the weekend. We have had a few problems, actually only one, with a non-transgender professional who chose to miss the entire workshop format and then complained about the Saturday report and demanded input.

As an example, our "Health Law Standards of Care for Transsexualism" are attacked by those non-transgendered professionals who have thus far chosen to miss each annual conference and who could, as they have been invited, certainly provide input during the workshop days. Those non-transgendered professionals who have, in fact, attended an entire conference have no problem with our "Health Law Standards of Care for Transsexualism." Indeed, those same non-transgendered professionals understand that our Standards of Care do not advocate surgery on demand, but that our Standards of Care instead elevate the position of the pre-surgical transsexual in the decision making process. We are no longer experimental subjects to be used as data for published reports in professional journals; we are instead full partners in our treatment and management.

We have also had a few, actually only two thus far, of the transgendered "self-appointed beautiful people" who have written detracting articles about our published conference work. None of these people has attended a conference or ordered a *Proceedings* to date; therefore, they have no credibility.

III. DEVELOPING PROGRESSIVE STRATEGIES FOR CHANGE

A strategy for change that has recurred frequently throughout our annual conferences and appears in all the *Proceedings* is to take the loopholes that exist in the oppressive laws and use them to our advantage. The first to so advocate was Connie Moore who won the First Transgender Advocate Award at our August conference.

Connie presented family law caselaw in *Proceedings I.* As she related, both England and the State

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by Gianna Eveling Israel

TALKING WITH YOUR CHILDREN
About Gender Identity Issues

Emblazoned with various social, moral and religious opinions, disclosing and discussing one's transgendered status with adolescent and adult children is frequently one of the most difficult issues brought up by clients in my counseling practice. Because our western society is polarized with gender and sexual stereotypes, transgendered individuals survive relatively closeted familially and socially, making these issues all the more difficult to talk about.

During our individual exploration of transgendered issues we must decide how much of a public face we wish to reveal to others. Additionally, we must decide which values we wish to incorporate into our private lives and ultimately extend to children. Agreed, every parent wishes to provide their child with safety, nurturance, education and the opportunity to build self and social acceptance skills.

Firsthand, before disclosing to any relationship of importance, establish the facts, understand how being transgendered affects your life and theirs. Talk with your counselor regarding disclosure options and relevancy. In some cases not disclosing or limited disclosure may be optimum. One frequently overlooked necessity for those who are unable to disclose, is dealing with the feelings surrounding having to keep something hidden from family members. This is another subject that would be appropriate to bring into discussion with your counselor. If at all possible, choose disclosure when you feel revealing will increase the quality of the relationship.

Being able to speak effectively about gender issues is important. Defining the distinction between sexual identity and gender identity is a frequently misunderstood process, as well because these definitions are commonly misrepresented socially through stereotypes. However, explaining the distinction does not have to be difficult. *Sexual Identity or Orientation* basically indicates where sexual attraction may lie, whether it be toward the same, opposite or both sexes. *Gender Identity* basically indicates an internal sense of self and an outward presentation of masculinity or femininity, not necessarily reflecting one's *Biological Gender* which is assigned at birth. To simply carry these concepts a step further, *Primary Identity* reflects an individual's needs in both gender and sexual identification although experience and presentation may not always reflect what actually exists on the inside.

Young children in particular may have some difficulty grasping gender and sexual concepts, thus disclosing with moderation is best. One age-relevant option I encourage is beginning easy-to-understand disclosure when children begin asking gender-related or "personal" questions. "Daddy, why are you wearing Mommy's lipstick and earrings when other Daddies don't?" is a pretty obvious indication that the child is curious about your behavior.

Because initial comprehension of gender and sexual identity concepts may prove difficult for children, *reframing* this information into "safe dialogue" is a valuable disclosure tool. If creative, you may wish to compose a story disclosing healthy gender concepts. Sadly, few fairy

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tales implement such important information. A wonderful alternative I reviewed and recommend is the children's story "Fluff the Bunny," which is easily understood by children and adults alike. It beautifully illustrates Fluff's search for healthy experience and individuality.

It may be anticipated that not all adolescent, teen and adult children are going to be immediately accepting of your transgendered behavior. *Not pushing the issue* on an uninterested or resistant individual has its merits. Sometimes just being able to talk about the issue, if the child wants to, is enough. Finally, one vital disclosure point which needs to be emphasized here and in conversation with your child is...

Regardless of age, the transgendered issue is the parent's issue, not the child's, and that your love for the child remains the same.

As a rule of thumb, if it can in any way be avoided, I do not encourage parents to lie about their gender identity issues when questioned by adolescent or adult children. There is a big difference between choosing not to disclose one's transgendered identity and lying in response to questions originating from a child who sees something going on. In the short term lying may cover up the discomfort you may feel surrounding disclosing your transgendered issues. However, in the long run, lying may solely serve to foster disrespect toward a parent's inability to discuss self-acceptance issues. Lying also serves in perpetrating the myth that gender and sexuality are somehow dirty or shameful. One option I suggest for parents who have inquisitive children, yet are not ready for disclosure, is to make an appointment with the child and deal with the issue when you are ready.

One important point easily overlooked in some counseling processes during discussion of child/gender-identified parent issues is the examination of the level of support offered by a non-transgendered parent or partner. All too often I have heard of a non-transgendered parent using gender issues as ammunition during disputes, or as a means of estranging the child from the transgendered parent. Sadly, as much persuading as the transgendered parent might attempt, it is not infrequent that the non-transgendered parent may remain inflexible in their opinions. Whatever the case may be, it is not in the best interest of any child to have one parent undermining the love of the other.

I strongly encourage transgendered parents to remind themselves and their partners that their first responsibility as parents is to provide love for their adolescent, teen and adult children.

The *trans-gendered issue* is the parents issue not the *child's*

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Electrology

by Linda DeFruscio, RE, RI

Important Information on Electrolysis & Sterilization

I received a telephone call all the way from Hawaii from a disenchanted woman named Lisa who had just returned home after receiving a treatment from her electrologist. Lisa had read some of my articles on electrolysis and decided to contact me for some advice. She was very concerned that she might be infected with AIDS. Some signals that indicated that she might have AIDS were pustules near the neck behind her right ear, edema (swelling), post inflammatory erythema (redness), and severe crusting. Lisa had received a treatment 10 days before this last treatment. In addition, Lisa thought that her electrologist did not use proper techniques in treatment or employ sterilization. I reviewed with Lisa all the procedures and requirements that an electrologist must demonstrate.

AN ELECTROLOGIST'S REVIEW

(1) The use of a disposable probe.

(2) A certificate of her educational degree in the office.

(3) Superior cleanliness and grooming, state-of-the-art equipment and office.

(4) A thorough washing of his/her hands before and after each treatment (gloves are recommended to protect each patient, but are not required).

(5) Sterilization of the forceps. The forceps are used for removing the treated hair and ingrown hair.

(6) Information on post-treatment care.

Millions of hours of electrolysis have been safely performed since 1875. There has never been a single reported case of a person contracting a communicable disease such as a hepatitis B or AIDS virus. Common bacteria such as Staphylococcus, Streptococcus, or other forms o microscopic life are destroyed with proper sterilization techniques.

YOUR ELECTROLOGIST

The prevention of disease and infection begins with the electrologist and ends with the patient. However, it is the patient's responsibility to make sure the electrologist knows what he or she is doing. This responsibility is very important if the patient is living in one of the 22 states that do not require an electrologist to be licensed or trained. In the other 28 states, where licensing and training are required, the electrologist should make sure that the patient is very careful in post-treatment care.

Many organizations in electrolysis are active in providing quality patient care. The American Electrology Association (AEA) has a history of working to attain uniform national legislation. The International Guild of Professional Electrologists and the AEA have united in support of bilateral legislative activities and the national Certified Professional Electrologist (CPE) test.

In the 28 licensed states, the AEA is actively helping 12 other states to obtain licenses. The Society of Clinical and Medical Electrologists (SCME) is an international organization dedicated to professional excellence through education, certification, and public awareness. AEA/CPE tests were developed by the Educational Testing Service (ETS, the people who make the College Boards). The SCME/CCE test is given by members.

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The recognized licensing credentials of an electrologist include: RE (Registered Electrologist), RI (Registered Instructor), CPE (Certified Professional Electrologist/Board Certified), CCE (Certified Clinical Electrologist). Some electrologists' credentials may also include: PME, LE, LPN, RN, NP, BA, MS, PhD.

Massachusetts and New Hampshire have some of the most stringent laws in the country concerning sanitation, sterilization, safety, and communicable disease precautions. For instance, a registered electrologist is required to have a minimum of 1,100 hours of training including extensive study of anatomy, physiology, microbiology, derma-

tology, endocrinology, and medical terminology. This extensive training is necessary in order for the electrologist to understand skin and follicle construction, hormone imbalances, proper use of implements to prevent damage, congenital patterns, and the causes and prevention of disease and infection. Simply put, an untrained person should not be practicing electrolysis.

Precautions for the prevention of disease and infection should be followed before, during, and after the entire electrolysis treatment. Before the treatment the electrologist needs to prepare himself or herself and their implements. Cleanliness for both the patient and the electrologist is very important. The implements (forceps, non-disposable needles, probes, and scissors) must be sterilized. That does not mean swabbing the probe down with a little antiseptic or running it through a flame. It means sterilized!

First, the instruments must be cleaned by either an ultrasonic cleaning device, scrubbing brush, soap, or 70 percent or 90 percent alcohol solution. Then, the instruments must be sterilized. This cleansing is done by using pre-sterilized disposable implements. (I personally prefer using an auto-clave and disposable probes.)

STERILIZATION

a) An autoclave uses steam heat under pressure at 350 F for a minimum of 20 minutes (the same device used by dentists and other medical professionals).

b) A dry-heat sterilizer is a dry-heat oven where instruments are sterilized at 320 F for two hours.

c) A bead sterilizer (heated to 450 F with instruments immersed for two minutes) is still frequently used. However, the Disease Control Center in Atlanta, Georgia has not proven the bead sterilizer to be totally effective against disease or infection. For that reason it should not be used as the only means of sterilization.

d) Cold sterilization is chemical sterilization and, like the bead sterilization, is only partially effective against transmission of infectious organisms. Some practitioners use household bleach as a disinfectant (one part per five). Disinfectants, alcohol, and bleach may be effective against hepatitis B and HIV exogenously, but they may not necessarily eliminate all spores. Spore-forming bacteria is the cause of diphtheria, tetanus, typhoid, and tuberculosis. Lamps, handles, knobs, counters, phones, chairs, and treatment tables should be cleansed with a hospital-grade disinfectant or detergent between each patient. These cleansers can be purchased at medical suppliers. Pre-sterilized, prepackaged disposable needles or probes are currently being used and are widely accepted in the profession.

The electrologist must then prepare the patient. This preparation is done by washing the area with a disposable towel and an antibacterial cleanser or liquid soap and warm water to remove any makeup or debris on the skin. A sterilized cotton swab or 2 X 2 gauze square dampened with 70 percent alcohol solution or witch hazel is then used to remove any remaining debris. (Optional: another cotton swab with topical anesthetic is then applied to desensitize the area to be treated.) The patient is then ready for treatment.

Remember, treatment means inserting a sterilized probe into a hair follicle, cauterizing the hair root, then removing the hair. Once the hair has been removed, the follicle remains open and becomes more susceptible to infection. During the treatment, the electrologist periodically cleans the implements and the patient's skin with 70 percent alcohol solution. This cleansing removes any debris to ensure the cleanliness of the work area.

POST TREATMENT CARE

When the treatment is completed, the electrologist should apply a cool compress to the treated area to soothe the skin and reduce erythema and edema. When that is done, the electrologist should swab the skin with 70 percent alcohol solution or witch hazel solution or antiseptic. Then cover the treated area with an antibacterial ointment (such as Bacitracin, Mycitracin, Neosporin, hydrogen peroxide gel or 1 percent cortisone cream). Some electrologists still use calamine lotion (which is acceptable), and there are medicated foundations that can be used to cover up facial erythema. The medicated foundations can be purchased from an electrologist).

When the treatment is completed and the electrologist has done everything to protect the treated area from infection, there is a tendency for a patient to disregard the post-treatment procedures. However, the greatest danger to infection is after, not during the treatment. The patient must understand that it can take up to three days for a hair follicle to heal, thereby making the cauterized root susceptible to bacterial infection during that time. Also, an infected follicle occurs more often than not from an ingrown hair. There is a strong desire to remove ingrown and untreated hairs with unsterilized tweezers, which increases the possibility of infection. Do not pick or pull hairs! Obviously, proper home care by the patient is crucial.

After the treatment, the patient should keep the treated area as clean as possible for at least three days. In addition, I suggest that the patient soak the treated area with a solution of table salt in warm water (a tablespoon of salt per six ounces of water). Soak the treated area with salt solution twice a day for two days with a disposable towel for five or six minutes to help draw out impurities and promote healing. After soaking, wash the area to remove excess salt, then reapply the antibacterial ointment.

Even after all these precautions a patient may still get pustules

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healing energy to others, we could send it to ourselves. We had shared our grief, and had given away our anger, and our sense of loss. Far more than that, we had become the caretakers of their memories, and they shall remain with us, and alive, always. It is one thing to be able to heal others. It is something entirely different to be able to heal ourselves.

In a few short words, Pink Moon Rising was a healing, bonding, learning, empowering, energizing experience. Finally, I had attended a spiritual retreat that meant something to me. The Kindred Spirits retreat was the same, but perhaps more so.

Kindred Spirits was intended to be a retreat for spiritually oriented members of the transgender community, and a few of our special friends. It was mostly attended by people who had been touched directly by Rena. For me, Kindred Spirits was a pilgrimage, a chance to be in the wilderness, become re-energized, and refocused on who I was, what I was doing, and why I was doing it. The retreat was something I desperately needed, but it was something I feared.

As a leader in the transgender community I had some notoriety, perhaps too much notoriety. It seemed at every transgender event I had attended, because of being well known, I took on celebrity status. That made it virtually impossible for me to relax, be with friends as friends, or find quiet time for myself. I desperately needed friends as friends, and quiet time for myself, but since Kindred Spirits was, in effect, a transgender event, I feared I would be denied. Worse than that, I feared I might make others feel uncomfortable, and thereby deny them. As with Pink Moon Rising, my fears were unfounded.

It was a three-day drive to Albuquerque. During that time I left the radio off and rolled down the windows so I could smell the smells, hear the sounds, and prepare for the retreat. When I arrived, the first thing I thought was that the mountains were magnificent, but it was hot, dry, and uncomfortable. It seemed everything there either itched, scratched, or bit. Five days in that environment was going to be an endurance. At other events we had cushy air-conditioned hotels, food somebody else cooked for us, and comfortable rooms with hot baths. At Pink Moon Rising we had cold cottages, soft saggy cots, and luke warm showers. At Kindred Spirits we had flimsy tents, hard rocky ground, and cold water spigots. Yes indeed, it was going to be an endurance. If we were going to strip away external facades, this was the place to do it.

We were deep in Paliza Canyon, at the foot of a mesa that once supported a large Indian village. The village lay in ruins, devastated by Spanish invaders centuries before. Still, we could feel their ghosts. West of our site was Zuni, the home of We'wah, history's most famous berdache. We were in the heart of the land of the people who most revered twin-souled people. In respect for We'wah, the Zuni and their Kachina spirits, we named the mesa's red-rock cliffs Kachina Cliffs. When Grandfather Sun came up in the morning, countless shapes, like Kachinas, formed on the cliffs, and danced. One rock, high above the rest, bore a spooky resemblance to Kolhamana, the berdache Kachina. It was Kolhamana rock.

Paliza Canyon was a powerful place, and things, small things, kept happening. For instance, we hiked up the mesa to see the ruins. At one site, at what appeared to be a rounded pit strewn with boulders, I felt a wall of energy that prevented me from entering the pit. I followed the energy around until I found myself standing in front of a heavy piñon pine, which blocked my passage. I later learned the site was a kiva, a church, and women were not allowed. The piñon pine was at the east gate, the entrance to the kiva. Most everyone else went in and out of the pit without a problem. At another time I woke up, opened the flap of my tent and in flew a beautiful tiny hummingbird. It flitted about as if to say good morning, proud and totally unafraid. I said good morning, and then it left. I felt like I had just received such a wonderful little gift that I had to share it with the others. That's when I learned the local Indians considered the hummingbird sacred because it carried on its body the colors of the rainbow. It was a harbinger of rain. That night it rained. I had indeed received a very special gift.

I was not the only one receiving gifts. One person fasted for a vision, and received it while we watched. Another person was given a divining rod that reacted only to a spot she had selected for meditation the day before. Another person found reason to completely change her spiritual orientation. Nearly everyone received gifts that were uniquely valuable to them. Perhaps the greatest gift for me was after just a few days I felt love for everyone who was there, love for the environment that surrounded me, and love for myself. That love has left me devoted to those who attended the retreat, and once again able to dedicate myself to all those people I committed myself to serve. I was recharged, and ready to go.

I have one final observation. At Kindred Spirits, after a few days of getting scratchy and dirty, far from civilized amenities and clean clothes, we found ourselves talking in gentle terms. We found ourselves praying healing prayers, and thinking of what we could do for others. Stripped of our costumes, free from society's pressures and the incessant game of charades, we touched our souls and found Rena was right after all. We are the shamans. We are the teachers, the healers, the wisdom keepers, and the nurturers. We are the special ones. Our spirits make us so.

of Ohio had a similar problem over the non-changing of the birth certificate after genital reassignment surgery. Without the birth certificate change, caselaw prevented a transgendered man from marrying a woman or a transgendered woman from marrying a man since legally, in those jurisdictions, the transgendered man was still legally female and the transgendered woman was still legally male. Connie's remedy was for all of those transgendered men who had a willing male partner and for all of those transgendered women who had a willing female partner to go to Ohio or England and get legally married. Then they should flaunt their homosexual marriages in the face of the same laws that denied them the dignity of their gender correction. She stated her case in a very forceful manner: "Ram the inconsistencies down their throats," were her fiery words during her inspiring presentation.

Connie is about as subtle as I am, but her point is well taken. This was the reverse argument for transition without divorce. Examination of most marriage law reveals that two people of the same sex cannot get married, but once legally married two people cannot be separated without clear and specific statutory reasons (bigamy or under age) or divorce. Since a loving heterosexual couple can marry, when one partner transitions with the love and support of the other partner without violating the statute and without invoking a suit for divorce from the other partner, then the state cannot void the marriage.

Call it being proactive, or call it being assertive, or call it being an activist or call it being in-their-face. Whatever term you feel comfortable with, this is what it is mostly about. Being proactive can be soft conversations wherein you come out to one person at a time. Being assertive can be a letter to your members of the state legislature and of the federal congress alerting them that one of their constituents is TG and is proud and votes. Being an activist can be refusing to knuckle under and be ashamed when your children or your job are about to be taken away.

An in-their-face activity is being willing to appeal your case if the trial court rules against you. Too often an appeal is simply not prosecuted when a good solid win is very possible. Either a transgendered client who was shafted in trial does not want her or his name in the newspaper associated with the appeal or else there is insufficient money for the appeal (each step of an appeal can run from $2,500 to over $5,000). ICTLEP's future plans include having a sufficient annual budget to finance legal defense and *Amicus* projects, but that is in the future and depends upon people who will allow ICTLEP to tap their credit cards on a monthly basis for $10 or $20 or $50 or more. Such regular, monthly financial support may be YOUR way to help us be in-their-face.

Being proactive can be joining with your local lesbian/gay/ bisexual political group, getting on the screening committee and screening candidates on TG issues—let them actually meet one of us. Being assertive can be refusing to go away, thereby forcing someone to deal with you as you are, where you are. Being an activist can be joining and supporting the newly formed political action lobbying group called IT'S TIME AMERICA or ITA. ITA was founded with the love, blessing and support of ICTLEP at its last conference. (See what else you missed by not being in Houston last August!) Call Karen Kerin at 802/223-4756 or Jane Fee at 612/735-0030 or Jessica Xavier at 301/949-6049 for ITA information.

Currently in Texas is the introduction of new legislation for us that first appeared in *Proceedings II*. If enacted, this bill will streamline the name change, gender identification change and birth certificate change process and will recognize both the surgical and non-surgical transsexual. It's Time Texas (ITT), in affiliation with ITA, is shepherding this bill. For a copy of bill or general information, contact Sarah DePalma at 713/778-1416.

Sometimes the action required is best categorized as being IN-THEIR-FACE. Last January, ICTLEP led the transgender community in a frontal assault against the minority of those leaders of the lesbian/gay/bisexual community who refused to put "transgender" into the name of the Stonewall 25 event. (I am indebted to the hard work and commitment of Jessica Xavier.) When the dust cleared, it was painfully obvious, yes even around the globe, that the lesbian/gay/bisexual community would have to either deal with us as allies in the fight against bigotry or be targeted as bigots themselves. We must, all four, lesbian AND gay AND bisexual AND transgender, work together in this freedom struggle.

Whatever way is best for you is what matters. Find what you are comfortable with, be it proactive or assertive or activist or in-their-face. WHAT MATTERS IS THAT YOU TAKE SOME KIND OF ACTION. That's right, get off the couch and do something other than fret over your wigs, nail polish or foam rubber allergies.

Being assertive can also be as simple as ensuring that your lawyer demand from the very beginning that the other lawyer get your pronouns correct. It is amazing to me as a trial lawyer how that simple tactic can turn the posture of a legal fight.

Another progressive strategy is checking your state law. If it is legal to record your own phone calls without telling the other party (each state is different on this), then do anticipate and do record that one call where adversaries tell you the real reason for messing with you. When they later deny ever saying it while

under oath, you and your lawyer have them on perjury.

Still another is the insurance strategy. Go after your reimbursement incrementally. Read the *Proceedings III* for details on that one. That is simply one of the best things to emerge from TRANSGEN'94. It is an in-depth presentation. Use it as your guide. Use it to your advantage.

In employment fights, use the "Gender Change Employability Factors" in *Proceedings II* to establish that not all clients have a problem and not all bosses have a problem with your being transgendered. Boulton and Park (Cynthia and Linda Phillips) have provided two additional survey findings. All three of these studies should be studied and used in deposition to knock down the prejudices, stereotypes and untruths that will be put forth by the folks that decide to fire you.

Also, in the employment area and spread throughout all three of the *Proceedings* is a resource base of legal knowledge and progressive strategies to help you retain your job. With the help of Diana Ciccotello and Melissa Foster, the employment workshops developed strategies for successful transition and enhancing your value to your company. The ideas stressed were on-the-job change through education, communication and awareness. If you've been fired, then you and your attorney are fighting against the tide.

But, all in all, the best progressive strategy for change is to become a good consumer of legal services. You need someone in a divorce who will fight for your right to have custodial visits by your kids. You need someone in a wrongful discharge who will fight for your right to use a restroom at work (I was fired in 1976 because they wouldn't let me use any of the restrooms). You need someone in an insurance case who will fight for your reimbursement of payments for hormones, chest binder or electrolysis. You need someone in a criminal matter (such as a false prostitution accusation) who will fight for your right to a P-R or personal recognizance bond on your very first day in court.

HOW DO YOU FIND SUCH A LAWYER?

Step One is to remember the "golden rule": She or he who pays the gold, rules. It's your money! **Step Two** is buy and study at least one of the written *Proceedings*. It doesn't matter which one at this point. What you want is to become intimate with the positive ideas and the high self-esteem that is available in the transgender legal arena.

Step Three is to pay for a consultation. I know that everyone wants a free consultation. Dumb, dumb, dumb. The best use of your money is to buy an hour of an expert's time. Find names in your local lesbian/gay bar (as in drinking establishment) or publications. Or call you local bar (as in lawyer group) association. Or look in the yellow pages. Ask the receptionist if lawyer X does divorce, employment, insurance, criminal or whatever law that you need help with. If so, ask if lawyer X has a problem with representing homosexuals and transsexuals. (Even if you are neither, ask the question about both categories over the phone. Find out for free if you are calling an attorney whose heart won't be on your side.) If no problem, then ask for the charge for an hour of consultation. The fee will range from $80 to $300.

Step Four is to interview the lawyer. Don't forget Step One during this consultation (it's your gold). Determine if the lawyer will study the *Proceedings* to pick up those strategies that are particular to TGs or if the lawyer figures that she or he knows it all and will run you through their legal mindset in the same manner as they do non-transgendered folks. Even if you do not hire that attorney, you have not wasted your money on that interview. No you haven't because you have purchased both legal knowledge and experience in dealing with the next attorney to be interviewed.

Step Five is to do these steps long before you are in a legal bind. Often by doing so early, while you can afford it, you may minimize the degree of that initial legal bind.

THE SCORECARD, PLEASE:

I am proud of what ICTLEP has done in just three short years. Just go through the Tables of Contents of our Proceedings and you will understand. But there is more to do, and each year is a surprise. The surprises are the means of scoring the success and the ICTLEP scorecard is 100 percent.

What do I mean by that? When I first began to publicize the idea of the first ICTLEP, there were two areas of law that I knew I would have great difficulty finding moderators for. Surprise—the first two volunteers specifically requested to work those two areas of law. When I needed this, surprise—a volunteer to fill this need. When I needed that, surprise—a volunteer to fill that need. I have already told you about the surprise of the International Bill of Gender Rights taking on a life of its own. The "Health Law Standards" and Ray Hill's "Policy for the Imprisoned" were both surprises. Melinda Whiteway stepping up to fill the documents void and Lisa Middleton doing the same for insurance were both surprises. This year the big surprise was the insurance law report.

And the support staff—all volunteers—just keep on coming. The danger of such a list is the possibility of an erroneous omission, but here goes: Dee McKellar, Tere Frederickson, Sydney Clark, Sarah DePalma, and Aaron Davis. We need a lawyer well versed in immigration.

We also need someone to help us be inclusive within the Rainbow and another to help us be inclusive internationally. Happy days—more surprises are coming my way!

During 1994 I have been invited to mostly keynote, and sometimes present, at TG events all over the world. People want to know about ICTLEP. I've been to San Antonio, Portland in Oregon, Burbank, New Orleans, New York City, Manchester in England, Pompano Beech, Portland again and Dallas. On New Year's, our *non*-attorney director, Dee McKellar, will be representing ICTLEP in Helsinki, Finland.

During 1994 ICTLEP articles and ads and calendar listings have appeared in every transgender publication of which we are aware. People yearn to read about ICTLEP. People are eager for more than the aforementioned wigs, polish and allergies. There is a great awakening across the land. Transgendered people are beginning to feel very uncomfortable in their mental chains of guilt. To paraphrase Gordene MacKenzie from her new book entitled *Transgender Nation*, "The trans-gender community has no *disease*—in fact, the problem is society's own *dis-ease* caused by its rigid allegiance to the worship of gender bipolarity."

ICTLEP is obviously filling a great void. ICTLEP is obviously doing things correctly. Otherwise it would not be well beyond our highest anticipation. At this writing, I cannot even dream of where ICTLEP will be in another three short years.

But for now, mark you calendars and save your nickels and dimes. TRANSGEN'95: YOUR JOBS, YOUR RIGHTS, YOUR HEALTH AND YOUR DOCUMENTS will be Wednesday the 14th through Sunday the 18th of June 1995 in Houston, Texas, USA.

And remember that during our three transgender law conferences, over 70% of those in attendance have been *non*-attorney, transgendered. Houston was the very first human word spoken from our moon. It is often called Space City and now it is the home of the NBA Championship Houston Rockets. I'll see you June 14 through 18.

Electrology

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(whiteheads, yellow-headed pimples) or eschars (honey-colored scabs). A pustule is the first stage of an infection usually caused by dead skin cells and oil in the skin mixed with bacteria in the air. In addition, pustules could be caused by ingrown hairs which are impacted under the skin. With proper treatment (soaking, washing, and antibacterial ointment), a pustule will normally disappear in a day or two. An eschar (scab) is part of the normal healing process and should disappear in a day or two. Picking scabs or popping pimples could lead to keloiding (scarring).

LISA'S PROBLEM

As we return to Lisa's skin problem located behind her ear, neck and hairline, we discover additional information. I found during our consultation that Lisa's theatrical activities interrupted her healing process due to the high-collared nostalgia clothes, hair sprays, gels, and theatrical makeup that covered her electrolysis treated area. Also, she did not thoroughly clean the treated area. The first three days after treatment are critical. During this time, the pores need to shrink back to normal size. If debris gets in, an infection can occur. Even so, this local infection should not present the symptoms associated the HIV or the AIDS virus.

If the electrologist follows the recommended procedures, the danger of a viral or bacterial infection is virtually eliminated. The greatest danger of infection occurs when the patient does not follow proper home care or if the patient decides to perform his or her own electrolysis. Therefore, use a qualified electrologist and follow their instructions for home care to the letter.

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LOOKING FOR A LOST FRIEND

To the Editor:

I would like to reestablish communication with DEBBIE RIFFE. We had been writing back and forth from 1992 until May, 1993. If you happen to read this message, please drop me a note to at least let me know that all is well. If anyone knows Debbie and could tell her to contact me, either c/o IFGE or at the address she already has, I would be most appreciative.

Just a friend,

Arlene

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A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM

To the Editor:

A funny thing happened at work today and I just had to share it with someone. It's truly amazing to me how our government works. I should know, I've only been employed by them for 21 years. One of my subordinates was having his security clearance updated (this happens every five years depending on the level of the clearance). Because I am his supervisor, I was the person questioned by a member of the "gestapo," er, excuse me, security agency. It was a very formal and private interview in my office. The questions were the usual type: How is this person on the job? How is his home life? etc. Everything was going very well until the agent asked if I though this person was a crossdresser. The question kind of caught me off guard and I hesitated for a moment, but I recovered quickly and answered that I had no idea if he was or not. The agent then countered with, if the person was, I would know. I found this to be both curious and funny. Could he have known that he was talking to a crossdresser, or was it just a dumb perception on his part since he has no idea of what a crossdresser is.

When the interview was over, I had time to contemplate on society's negative attitude towards a person's personal feelings. How could this person judge someone in a negative context just because he didn't conform to their standards of maleness. I am pretty sure my friend and coworker is not a crossdresser, but I am. Being a black man, I had visions of similar questions about me. I started to get mad and look at it as a downright slap in the face. It's not a black and white thing anymore. The rules have changed since that is not politically correct. It's that, "Let's find another difference from us," attitude.

I wish I had had the guts to answer his question with, "No, he's not a crossdresser, but I am and it has nothing at all to do with a person's attitude, job performance or mental state." The dementia exhibited by our so-called law abiders and law makers is sickening, but it also makes me mad at myself. How I would love to wear a skirt, stockings and heels to work just to prove a point. But I know that's not the way to change attitudes.

The day and time is coming when people will be judged on their merits and not their gender or sexual preference. Long live our selfness and differences because without them I truly believe we'd still be in the dark ages. I am proud of the abilities of Phyllis Frye and the rest and continue to support the fight. Without you ladies, I know we'd still be less then second-class citizens.

Sincerely,

Nicole Daneé

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EXCLUSIVE EVENTS

Dear Merissa:

Your article in issue #69 of *Tapestry* echoed my feelings on one important point (among many other good points). Some organizations and events can *only* be effective or are *more* effective when they are exclusive.

Should spouse abusers be allowed to participate in battered spouse programs? Should white supremacists be allowed at any NAACP meetings? In our community should SPICE be forced to open it's door to anyone regardless of their empathy for spouses of transgendered people? I say no.

Our Constitution gives all of us the right to congregate. We can exclude as we see fit. It is only when such congregations are state-sponsored that problems arise. I am neither transsexual nor post-op. However, even I can see benefits from a New Women's Conference.

The incorrect assumption by the author of that letter was the NWC must be placing themselves in a position of superiority. That smells of insecurity and is a particularly masculine reaction (overemphasis on status). There are many opportunities for transsexuals to meet and congregate, regardless of their surgery status, that to deny the New Women's Conference the chance to work with postoperative women only, would be a crime.

Hugs,

Jessica Warren

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To the Editor:

I don't understand why Merissa Sherrill Lynn wastes so much space in such a valuable publication responding to such stupid letters referred to in her most recent column (issue #69).

One letter she addressed asserted that post-op transsexuals have gained some special privileged status over other in-transition transsexuals like myself. (I must admit, seeing the term New Woman sort of bothered me, too, aren't M-F transsexuals just women?)

It's very easy to understand how sub-groups like the New Women's Conference have peculiar needs, ideas, problems and solutions they need to share, apart form other transsexuals. It's similar to women protesting the exclusivity of men's clubs—what's the point, really? We've shown we can empower ourselves and achieve great things, far away from the men's club room.

Similar was my attempt some time ago to join the National Organization for Women. The women I spoke to on the phone kept probing me why I wanted to join, then gave me the complete brush-off—not returning my phone calls, not putting me on the mailing list, etc. They certainly lost a potentially committed, active membership from me, but that was their own choice and loss. But I tried to join NOW as a man, which was my own imprudence. I didn't feel good about it afterwards, since really my ultimate motive was to share womanhood with my peers. Their exclusivity, I guess, is part of what makes them a group, at least at the local level (or perhaps they were just horribly disorganized, another reason for me not to join).

We put ourselves into groups to meet our collective needs. It's great when such groups can work together for common goals, but they shouldn't be expected to meet everyone's needs all of the time.

Sincerely yours,

Julie Moran

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TAKING BACK THE NIGHT

To the Editor:

Yesterday my transgendered-women friends and I marched in Women Take Back the Night.

We got a lot of disapproving looks. And near the end of the march, my girlfriend was asked to leave the parade. Security assumed she was a man...wrong! Transgendered-women are *women* not men. They won't pretend they don't exist and hide just to make you feel comfortable. Would you gays hide out to make straights feel more comfortable? Hell no! Silence equals death for *all* who hide.

My girlfriend had the guts to say to security, "I am transgendered and have more female hormones in me than you do." And she stayed in the march with the rest of us.

Jessie Hays

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MORE RELIGIOUS RIGHT

Dear Merissa:

I'm glad to see your article in issue #68 of *Tapestry* "The Cruel Initiative". Hopefully, more segments of people in the country will be able to see through the deprivation that the religious right is trying to pull in actually denying all of us, what we are guaranteed in the Constitution of the United States; the right to our "pursuit of happiness" and our right to free press and public assembly. No matter who you are or what group you're affiliated with, if there is no documented harm or threat made upon the rights of others, there is no reason to even consider any of their initiatives.

Now, when I had first met you at Be All 94 in Pittsburgh, this last June, and we had discussed the topic at your presentation, it didn't really hit home until I began finding out just how ingrained and mind-controlled two members in my own family are and how they absolutely refuse to listen to anything but what is fed to them through the religious right. Instead of scrutinizing Rush Limbaugh as a late day show-boater out to make a name and big bucks for his heavily slanted views, he is treated as a sacred cow. I am even sending you copy from a very Pro-Republican weekly newspaper, *The Washington Times* (June 27-July 3, 1994) which is actually a Democrat Bashing, money and power paper. Even their advertisements from Lockheed and McDonnel Douglas depict cruise missile and military superiority. Kind of reminded me of take over by *force*. Well, I cut three articles out of it and sent them to my family members which actually described the history, future plan and agenda of the Religious Right. They even described what they are being accused of, and attempted to down play it all. Mind you now, this was from *their own* pro-Right paper. My response back from them was simply to ignore what I had sent, and to go on to point fingers at everyone else backing it up with quote after quote from the Bible.

Now don't get me wrong, I've been a Catholic all my life and an altar boy until I was 16, and have accepted myself as a crossdresser who is able enough to attend services en femme. God knows how He made me and I will continue to do my best to have this creation He entrusted me with look and present the "herself" of me in the most pleasant, appealing and dignified manner, even more so than "himself." The use of *fear* and biblical quotes to back it up is a dangerous trick to pull on individuals who seek conciliation with their creator who in reality loves us all and will endlessly forgive us all because he knows what he has created. Being the "Supreme Being," a use of the word *he* is merely to the present social status given to the one who is considered more dominant through the ages.

So, because I am a crossdresser who chooses to emulate the prettier of the two human species, and find happiness and peace exhibiting the whole 100% of both male and femaleness I have inside, and yet still basically believe in the same Christian-type worship, that all of my rights, job, family and means to exist should be removed?? What kind of country will we be living

in?? Jews are not Christians. Moslems are not Christians. Many basic Indian cultures are not Christian, and they took care of the land and resources with immensely more respect than the white man. Once they take care of the gender community, does anyone actually believe that the human aspect of triumph will stop there? They have more money from the Dynamic Broadcast shows, which also brings power right behind it. And the strategy of the their tactics which you had described at Be All are being more noticeable by me daily.

I understand that they do not represent *all* Christian groups and I also see some of their social ideas as being helpful to those in need and seeking help. But, to deliberately make an attempt to take control through political channels is not what this country was founded on. Even Jesus said, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's."

After reading "All in the Family," *Tapestry* #69, I was wondering if the religious right had infiltrated the Tri-Ess camp and attempted to test the strength of the groups by a deliberate "plant" to cause in-fighting. It's good to see cool heads prevail.

Finally, within the last few weeks, Carol Beecroft was gracious enough to refer me to the "bush beaters" of the Jerry Springer talk show (out of Chicago) on a topic they thought may have been of interest maybe to them and the audience, but not to the poor crossdresser. I gave the caller alternative ideas and suggestions, along with sending them information from Renaissance with a letter explaining the difference between sex and gender, pointing out how it will help Jerry (the host) to ask more interesting questions no matter who his guest was, and it would add more professionalism to the show, rather than have a clown act.

Well, on my last call to check if they had received my mail, I gave them a quick rundown of the hot topic of the religious right, some of their goals and tactics, and specifically mentioned that you were the only person out of the gender community that would be qualified to handle what I consider a biggie. I gave them your phone number. I read in # 69 about the Montel Williams show you had appeared on, and your comment. Your outreach is commendable.

Sincerely,

D. McKay

To the Editor of *Mirror Images:*

Much space in this newsletter has been devoted to "Christianity" and the place of its relationship to the crossdresser. I do not ridicule or make light of the efforts put forth, but wish only to expand in a simple manner that all can easily understand.

There is a simple story of an old preacher down here in West Virginia who was holding an old-fashioned hell and damnation revival meeting. Well, someone talked Johnnie into going to the meeting. Now Johnnie was even worse than the C & E (Christmas and Easter) Christians. He couldn't even remember the last time he had been to a church service. The songs had been sung and the prayers said. Finally, the old preacher stood behind the pulpit and in the beginning started quoting John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave..." At that point Johnnie jumped up and started shouting, "Praise God! Bless everyone!"

Twice again the preacher cleared his throat and began quoting the verse when Johnnie would jump up shouting at the same place in the quotation. Finally, the preacher asked Johnnie why he kept jumping up and shouting.

"Well, preacher," he said, "I figure that if God loved us so much that he gave us anything, don't you think we should be happy about it?"

If Johnnie could have kept his mouth shut for just a bit longer he would have known the full story.

I began my working life as a minister and am a seminary graduate, thus a student of the Bible and its focus. John 3:16 points to the extent of God's love for each of us as individuals, and that it is also stated that we were created in His image.

May I humbly point out that, "God doesn't make junk." There is no reason for any CD to doubt this fact for one minute. So, what is within us as CDs was created by God. How can something so beautiful, so inspiring and so fulfilling be condemned by anyone. Who cares if anyone agrees with what we do or do not do. It is what we are. God made us as we are.

What reason, then, to justify or explain anyone?

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Hill

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RESPONSE TO BREAST ENLARGEMENT OFFER

To the Editor:

Thank you so much for publishing my press release on the Breast Plan in issue #68 of *Tapestry*. I have been absolutely overwhelmed by the response. This gives me great pleasure, but also great frustration since the requests are coming in faster than I can respond to them. Let your readers know that *everyone* who writes will receive the Plan, and my free offer remains. I do want as many of my sisters as possible to have the joy of real breasts.

It costs me $1 postage and $.50 for copying, so if the girls want to help me out, a buck is appreciated, but not mandatory. A lot of the girls have sent me SASEs with $.29 stamps affixed which I cannot use due to the size of the package.

The video offeris also still valid, but its duplication and mailing in this quantity will be very costly. If you know of anyone who can help with the process, please so advise. As I mentioned, I just had no idea the response would be so incredible. I am very excited about the project!

Sincerely,

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ALL THINGS ARE NOT AS THEY MIGHT APPEAR

To the Editor:

You may be interested in the enclosed letter I wrote to Martine Rose, publisher of *Repartee*. My correspondence should be self-explanatory. There is a fraud loose in the Ft. Lauderdale, Florida area who writes CDs passing herself off as something or someone she is not. She answers Personal Listings in the *Tapestry*. I talked to one sister just this morning who had a response from this person to a listing in *Tapestry*.

Sincerely,

Dianne Kendall

Dear Martine:

Hate to tell you this but...Refer to "Female Forum," page 18 of issue #18 of *Repartee* and you will see the Letter from "Dorothy." Dorothy is a fraud, some guy, I guess probably a CD, who lives in the Ft. Lauderdale, Florida area and who has written several of my friends and me with all kinds of made up stories.

You remember my writing you to not run a particular "Pampered in Panties" column which mentioned some purported great grandfather who, with his wife, has severaL CD sons, grandsons, and even great grandsons. I realized that was "Dorothy."

"Dorothy" has written me as a young boy CD, as a mother of a CD, and I forget now what else. He has written one friend as a grandmother of a CD. I'll give him credit for being imaginative. When I read "Female Forum" I had my doubts, especially when"Dorothy" said she was a "sister to two CD brothers and daughter to a wonderful CD dad." BS!

This morning I had a call from Nancy Baker in Texas who sent you, innocently, "Dorothy"'s letter. (Nancy feels terrible about it now.) She called to tell me about a woman therapist ("Dorothy" in another guise) who takes young CD boys home to live with her as girls so as to integrate them into their families. Nancy says "Dorothy" knows about me. (She sure does; I've written her not to write me anymore.)

One thing led to another and I asked Nancy if "Dorothy" and/or the "therapist" lived near Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Sure enough, the letters to Nancy were post marked Ft. Lauderdale. I also asked about the type face on the letters. This guy has a typewriter, or word processor, with an unusual type face. Sure enough, the letters to Nancy were like this.

It's now like locking the barn after the proverbial horse has been stolen, but you just may want to run some kind of warning.

LOVE,

Dianne

(IFGE is just as credulous as the rest of the world. The first two letters we received from the fraudulent letter-writer were the leading letters in issue #68. Since then we have gotten a raft of letters purporting to be sent by everything from an elementary-school-aged CD, to school counselors, and every kind of relative related to one or more CDs: aunts, parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. If you see or get a letter from the Ft. Lauderdale area that in general sounds too good to be true, or in particular looks like the two lead letters in issue #68, know that you have made it to the sucker list. This person is having more than a little fun at our expense. This should remind us all to be a bit more careful in reading our mail. —Ed.)

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RESPONSE TO DQ ≠ TG

To the Editor:

I am both a Drag Queen and a perpetual pre-op Transsexual. Am an active participant in the Ball World and House System as shown in *Paris is Burning* (documentary showing people who are and were my friends, not "characters" as Jessica Xavier describes us in her article DQ not equal to TG). I would like to reply to Ms. Xavier's article by saying that at the Miss Black America Pageant that was held at Sally's II (where Dorian Corey performed regularly and where part of *Paris is Burning* was filmed), Atlanta's legendary Consuela Cosmetic and proud member of the House of L'Amour deliberately used the pageant and particularly the Question and Answer segment to promote awareness of the "transgendered" community and the diversity of the "transgendered lifestyle."

It is common for self-described Drag Queens, transsexuals and people like myself who fall into both camps (pun intended) to be mother/daughter/sister and lover to one another in the same House with no conflict in love and loyalty by how we define ourselves sexually.

What is more difficult is for us to feel at one with white, middle-class crossdressers whose determination to disassociate from the Gay and Drag communities borders on outright homophobia. We are proud of who and what we are, and we ARE the people who brought STONEWALL to the world. The problem is one of race, class culture and self-awareness.

I point to Moonlight in Manhattan, an event in which I performed at Sally's which I was proud to participate along with Consuela, Jesse Torres and other Legends as an example of how bridges of love and commonality can be built in our beautifully diverse community so long as neither racism nor homophobia are allowed to take root.

With Love to All my Sisters,

Chelsea Selina
Mother of House Selina

Videotapes of both Miss Black Manhattan *and* Moonlight in Manhattan *are available from:*
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RESPONSE

To the Editor:

Frances Fairfax's article, "A Wives' Bill of Rights," in *Tapestry* #69, was certainly thought-provoking. If we truly value our femininity, and want to enhance it, then practicing the empathy, respectfulness, and cooperation that her precepts require seems like an excellent place to begin.

However, part of her article made me feel uneasy. I especially wonder about her statement: "Neither partner in a marriage or relationship has the right to alter body features without the full knowledge and *consent* of the other" (emphasis added).

If my wife wanted to alter her body—perhaps wear a shorter hairstyle, or have a face lift, or give up her life-long diet and become a "big, beautiful woman"—I wouldn't want her to think that she needed my consent! Certainly I'd be pleased if she talked about her plans with me, and asked for my opinion. But requiring her to get my consent, or even implying that she ought to, doesn't seem very empathic, or respectful, or cooperative. After all, her body is something that she has to live with twenty-four hours a day. For me to presume to tell her what she can or can't do with her own body would be selfish, and controlling, and unfeminine—things I don't want to be!

But this leads to another question: If I really wanted to shave my legs, or pierce my ears, or enlarge my breasts, wouldn't it be equally unempathic, and disrespectful, and uncooperative, for my wife to ever withhold her consent, or even to imply that I would need it?

After much thought, the only solution I could come up with that seems equitable (another feminine virtue that I admire), is a formulation something like this:

"We have a right to value, and to express concern for, our husbands' bodies, and our own. Both husbands and wives have the right to make decisions about their own bodies, and to have their choices received with empathy and respect. They also have the obligation to present their decisions in a way that respects the feelings/opinions of their spouses."

Would Ms. Fairfax accept this as a "friendly amendment" to her Bill of Rights?

Sincerely,

Anne T.

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WE GET RESPONSES

To the Editor:

This letter is in lieu of submission of your form.

I am an unrealized transsexual (M-to-F) of lesbian orientation. In local publications and in the 24th edition of *Who's Who in the Midwest*, my identification is "William L. Knaus, a.k.a. Cheryl Andrea Bruhn." My primary associates are "normal" persons with whom I share political and philosophical concerns. Because I do NOT discern "kindred spirits" in the transsexual community, my interest in *Tapestry* and in the "community" is rather limited.

A few years ago, in one issue of *Tapestry*, a writer noted with disdain that a professionally successful transsexual was demonstrating "no interest in the transgender community." In response to your current survey, my sense of reason requires that I explain why some of us do not recognize great appeal in *Tapestry* or in the community. The simple truth is that the posture of *Tapestry* and of the community does not address the concerns of some of us. Sometimes, we can do more for ourselves without involvement in the community. Sometimes, we must oppose the posture of the community. This letter will clarify these points.

Personal experiences demonstrate opportunities without *Tapestry* and outside the community. Recently, political activities resulted in my nomination for possible inclusion in the 13th edition of *Who's Who in the World*. Although a "minor candidate" probably cannot attain election to major office, the 1996 Presidential Campaign of Cheryl Andrea Bruhn is already achieving attention in some quarters. On the local scene, an "unsuccessful" candidacy for the local Board of Education involved some unpleasantness and more positive experiences, including some support relating to transsexualism. What does *Tapestry* offer? Are you supportive of my political activities?

Personal experiences with the transsexual community have been negative.

In my planning for my transition, one problem is the difficult—as yet unsuccessful—search for women's shoes in a man's size 14B. In this matter, resources of the transsexual community have been ineffective.

Another issue is a difference of opinion about the alleged merits of the "real life test." While the "establishment" of the transsexual community favors this, I recognize possible danger in it. After months of discussion, my therapist is becoming more receptive to my complaints. But with the continuing "kowtowing" of the transgender community, the INTERNATIONAL HARRY BENJAMIN ASSOCIATION maintains the absurd demand.

If, contrary to my expectations, *Tapestry* will invite open discussion of that matter, I shall submit separate commentary. In the meantime, in regard to this issue, I can only doubt the value of *Tapestry* and of the community to me.

A third issue is the political posture of the community in support of "gays." For various reasons which I can relate separately, I doubt the wisdom of the alliance between the transsexual community and "gay" males. In early 1993, when I expressed my views during a "transsexual political caucus" at the University of Minnesota, I encountered hostility and censorship. Just as my associates and I oppose "political correctness" in the "normal" community, so, too, I resent censorship imposed upon me by the transsexual community.

The array of evidence—derived from direct experience—suggests better opportunities without *Tapestry* and outside the transsexual community. Of course, I remain open to further communication. What, really, does *Tapestry* offer?

Quite sincerely,

Bill Knaus
a.k.a. Cheryl Andrea Bruhn
Minnesota

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. . . AND SO DO OTHERS

Ms. Stacy Richkus
Editor, *City Lights*
Metropolitan Gender Network
New York, New York

Dear Editor:

The Gender Community in the New York area is perhaps one of the most progressive, and inclusive, and quite a lot of solidarity has been built over the past several years. We continue to discover more and more people who are part of the gender community, and we continue to find greater diversity among our brothers and sisters. The task before us is to make every effort to celebrate that diversity and so to forge a stronger and more unified community.

The problem of horizontal hostility continues to confront and plague us as a community. There are not so many of us that we can afford to promote a spirit of divisiveness among those who work on behalf of us all. There is sufficient hostility directed at us and at our community by the so-called "Christian" right and others. Hostility within our community is counterproductive: To promote or encourage "infighting" weakens our small community.

Our community's solidarity is so new that it is still fragile, and aggressively hostile, personal attacks which focus on character attributes or physical characteristics waste precious time and energy. In addition, such attacks divert attention from principles to personalities, and create an inhospitable, unfriendly climate. Whether verbal or in writing, gossip, backbiting, and "hit and run" attacks serve no constructive purpose.

Among our tasks as leaders are the promotion of unity, the creation of a supportive, nurturing, and friendly environment, and the encouragement of free and open discourse. Disagreements, differences and confrontations need not be proscribed, but we must ensure a loving and conciliatory environment for the welfare of our community.

We all have faults. None of us is qualified to decide what attributes of character, appearance or personality are faulty. None of us wants to feel her or his faults or defects are ever such as to warrant public censure, especially in print. This is not censorship, but rather, has to do with ethical and even-handed behavior, and the right of individuals to be free from malicious attack.

This is not about censorship, but rather, has to do with e t h i c a l and even-handed behavior, and the right of individuals to be free from malicious attack.

- We call on the leaders and members of the New York area gender community to actively commit to the promotion and protection of a supportive and hospitable environment.

- We call for the abandonment of gossip, backbiting, harassment, character assassinations, and personal attacks.

- We call for commitment to discussion of principles rather than of personalities.

- We call for focus on those issues which impact on our lives and civil liberties, those issues which bind us one to another, and those issues which form the basis for outreach to other segments of the larger queer community.

Sincerely,

The following have signed their names to this letter:

Monica Ann Pedone: Cofounder and President Greater New York Gender Alliance; Chair, Metropolitan Gender Network; Board Member IFGE; Board Member, Long Island Femme Expression; Activist, the Transsexual Menace.

Riki Anne Wilchins: Activist, The Transsexual Menace; Cofounder, Gender Identity Project; Cofounder, The Open Door.

Anthony Zambrotta: Secretary, Greater New York Gender Alliance; Peer Counselor, Gender Identity Project; Activist The Transsexual Menace.

Nick Giannelli: Activist, The Transsexual Menace; Peer Counselor, Gender Identity Project; Member Transgender Rights!

Lynn E Walker: Cofounder & Vice President Greater New York Gender Alliance; Cofounder, Metropolitan Gender Network; Activist The Transsexual Menace; Peer Counselor, Gender Identity Project; Cofounder, The Open Door.

Theresa Radka: Founder/Leader, Transgender Rights!; Member, Greater New York Gender Alliance.

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Krissie Withers: Activist, The Transsexual Menace.

Erica: President, Long Island Femme Expression; Member, Greater New York Gender Alliance.

Lily: President, Partners in LIFE.

Dale: Board Member, LIFE.

Terry McCorkell: Co-Director of MOTG.

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I NEVER, WELL, NO, I DON'T THINK SO, BUT THANKS FOR THE KIND WORDS

Dear Editor,

I noticed in Yvonne Cook-Riley's wonderful article on the Stonewall

25 a reference to Bea Arthur (Maude from "The Golden Girls") as a friend of the transgendered community.

Over here, in the tiny outpost of Britain, we are on our 2nd rerun of "The Golden Girls" and it is extremely popular amongst the transgendered, lesbian and gay communities. However we know very little about the cast, but one question that keeps popping up is: Is she or isn't she?

I am not into "outing," and maybe Bea Arthur isn't, but we are very short on role models within the transgendered world, so if she is - perhaps someone would let us know. If she isn't - perhaps she would let us just pretend, because wouldn't it make a great story.

I would also like to say that Yvonne's article actually brought a big lump to my throat - to have understanding parents and to have an understanding child, and for them to enjoy such an historic occasion together!

I have been living as a guy now for 20 years and my mother still managed to get upset over mine and my long term partner's decision to have a child which would be truly loved. To try and get her to support my gender politics seems a hopeless dream. Perhaps I'll leave the article out for her one day.

Many thanks, and I hope I'll have a relationship with my children that resembles Yvonne's with Eric.

Yours faithfully,

Stephen Whittle
FTM Network,
London ENGLAND

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JUST A LITTLE MORE FOOD FOR THOUGHT

To the Editor:

I took a trip to England recently and came across an old custom that perhaps some of our sisters could explain or expound upon. The custom I am interested in was widespread dressing of boys from birth toage five or six in dresses.

I first heard of it in a news report, on the TV, of an old manor house being put up for auction. Two brothers in their eighties had lived there and, leaving no heirs, the house, with all its contents, was up for sale. The television reporter was showing some of the things that had been saved for decades. The item of interest to me was a dress that one of the brothers had worn. It looked like it was a white cotton two-layer dress overlaid with lace from the scoop neck line to the hem. It had puffed short sleeves and a blue sash at the waist tied in a pretty bow and the ends hung down to the hem. It looked big enough for a boy of five or six.

Next, when touring one of the palaces out in the countryside, I saw a picture of a boy of five with his red hair in long curls that hung down to his shoulders and he was wearing a blue velvet dress. Next to the picture was one of the curls in a picture frame that was cut off when they cut his hair for the first time when he was five. This boy in the dress was later to be a soldier and a member of the House of Commons.

At the next place I visited, an old Medieval castle and home of a member of the extended Royal Family, was the future Earl in a series of pictures (about eight photos) at age four or five in a very pretty white dress with flounced petticoats, puffed sleeves, and he had his hair curled and it looked like a short perm. In the series of photos he was posing in some very feminine and sexy poses. One of the poses he had the neck of the dress pulled down over his left shoulder with his right hand and he had pulled up the hem of the dress to above mid-thigh and was looking right into the camera. It was obvious he was being shown how to look very cute, or he had lots of practice - and he did. Without the caption on the picture one would have thought he was a girl and not give a second glance. The pictures were probably from early in this century.

The next picture I saw was in a different house. It was two brothers in matching dresses in a wagon in a garden together. The dresses were full with very stiff petticoats and they were wearing pantaloons covered in lace and ruffles that went down to the ankles. This picture was from the 1870s according to the caption.

After seeing all these photos of famous men wearing feminine dresses for the first five to six years of their lives I realized that one could not say that they were being dressed in or wearing girls' clothes as these dresses and petticoats were meant for boys and not for girls, no matter how feminine the style.

Later I remembered seeing a television travelogue which included a small village in the Netherlands. In this village all boys wore dresses and all the exact same clothing as the girls of the same age. The explanation was that this was a very old custom and the people of the village felt that there was no difference between boys and girls until about the age of six and so all the children wore dresses, had their hair styled and treated exactly the same including dolls and "girls'" toys. The only way someone could tell a boy from a girl was that the boys had extra lace on the front of their dresses from the neck line to the waist. One of the mothers felt it was very practical as only one set of clothing was needed for her children and a daughter could pass all of her clothing and underwear on to her next sibling whether a boy or a girl. It was also much easier to change diapers on the toddlers, and dresses kept a crawling baby from going too far or too fast as the dress would slow the boy down. The boys also had less antagonism toward the girls when they got older and the men were kinder.

I would appreciate any information on this custom as I envy those who were able to wear dresses as a normal item of male clothing.

Sincerely,

Anita Rodgers

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LETERS MAY BE EDITED FOR SPACE..
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I Used To Live In A Closet

I used to live in a closet
it was very cramped and dark
it wasn't a happy place

The lock on the door was a dead bolt
Courage was the threshold
Outside was an enormous space called JOY

I finally emerged

I heard applause

and laughter

The applause felt good

The laughter hurt me
but the laughter was muffled

It came from other closets

I am so happy now

I can't believe I lived there so long

Now all that's in my closet
are my clothes

some for when I'm feeling masculine
and some for when I'm feeling feminine

I always keep the door open now
and whenever I pass by and look in

I notice that fear doesn't
live there anymore

-anonymous

The Way

At times the light seems to fade and to flicker
on something you once thought you had
but it's gone

And you look at your life,
with time far behind you,
and nothing beside you
but dust and dismay

And for a moment you think
that life is there waiting,
but you keep hesitating,
until it ends up you stay

But there in the east
are the stars ever shining
that keeps me reminding
there must be a way.

- S.E.Toon 4/29/74 age 16

I Am Not Alone

Painful, lonely longing
Reaching yet it swirls beyond my fingers

Crying aloud, I sing
And hear my voice echoed, joined by
singers

Who, like me, are wishing
And praying, and our desire lingers

Softly, always calling
A bell rung by a thousand ringers
I am not alone.

- D.G. 6/8/92

A Time of Coming Out

As a peace flowing out
A time of coming out
finding wonderful friends
by finding the friend within.

Its not making decisions
that causes the pain
it was the hiding, the denying
that leaves the stains

I love her
and she is with me
she has found love too
when she, the world can see

The ridicule is there
to be laughed at
It takes strength to take that dare

Strength takes time
Strength takes work
but, Strength can only come
by being where you're from

I can be held now
I can touch
I hold things so beautiful
I have gained so much

My face is painted in pretty colors
Most especially a smile
that shines within and to others
A smile that's me in my femininity.

- Lisa Wells

Closets are for Clothes, NOT Transpeople

by Riki Anne Wilchins

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Okay. Okay. First of all, let me say I really enjoyed my first Southern Comfort. Such events are enormous achievements, and make invaluable contributions to our community. In addition, I was grateful to discover the organizers could even accommodate a low-rent, gendertrash reject like me, trying to politicize the atmosphere. And finally, I know how much courage it takes for us as transpeople to attend a conference, *any* conference, and be public about our identities.

With all that said...with all that said, what we did was wander around in an upholstered ghetto for 3 days. Now, don't get me wrong: it was a *nice* ghetto. The staff was courteous, the accommodations pleasant, the food good, and the beds remade daily. But it was still a ghetto, and only a rented one at that. We could be out, enjoying the fiction of a normal life, as long as we hid indoors. But no matter how open and proud we felt, the truth was we could no more walk out the front door of that motel or shop in the mall right across the street, than we could waltz around the moon. We were still in a closet; just one we'd bought for the weekend.

What I found so strange and unsettling was the almost complete silence about this: except for some discussions in the TG track, it was virtually unmentioned. There were workshops about passing, putting on makeup, styling your hair, disguising your voice, you name it. But nothing on the oppression we as transpeople face every waking day of our lives, and therefore none whatsoever about how we might change our lot for the better.

Now right now, someone is saying "Well, why *should* we talk about it? I don't feel this oppression you're going on about. And anyway, conferences aren't the time or place for that sort of thing."

Well, maybe you've heard of someone who's been beaten up for crossdressing. Or been fired, harassed or busted. Or spent a month in terrible panic because they can't find pictures of themselves and imagine a thousand awful places they might be lying out. Maybe you've heard tell of someone who's sweated blood and fear when women in a restroom began examining them with hostility and suspicion.

Maybe you even know someone personally who's lost custody of their kids; or perhaps someone right now who's living in fear, because they think a coworker recognized them on the street. Maybe you know someone who's just your average, occasional crossdresser, tired of feeling like a freak, a pervert or a second-class citizen.

On the other hand, perhaps even you, yourself, sometimes hate that sick feeling in the pit of your stomach when a police car pulls alongside and the cops give you a long, slow once-over, or when you're out late one night and you think you hear the tread of heavy, male footsteps fall in behind you. Maybe you're tired of having to hide what you do in your bedroom, your home, or the one, darkened bar that's semi-safe for you on Saturday nights. And maybe you don't want to wake up to another day in a world which tells you that men who dress "like women" are fags, or homos, or fairies, or sick, or somehow unmanly, or simply embarrassing and disgusting to those of us who are "normal."

Maybe you once even had the fleeting fantasy of all transpeople, your brothers and sisters and all those of us wondrously in between, looking however we damn well please and walking with pride in plain, broad daylight, just as god intended for even the smallest and meanest of her creatures.

These things which happen to us, the fear, the shame, the need to "pass" as "real," these are *not* private humiliations: They are profoundly *shared experiences*. We *all* have them, and they affect *us all*. There is a system out there called the

nonocracy (pronounced "non-AHK-ra-see"). Just as a democracy empowers people and a theocracy religious leaders, so the nonocracy grants privilege and status to nontranssexual and nontransgendered people, while simultaneously marginalizing, manipulating and persecuting drag, transsexual and transgendered people.

The burdens we share are the result of intentional, *systemic* injustices by the nonocracy, and the only way to combat them is through systemic, organized resistance. For just as long as we allow this system to go unchallenged, for just as long as we remain more interested in passing than in politics and in making-up than making waves, for just as long as those of us who can pass, do, leaving behind those of who can't to bear the full brunt of abuse and loss of status, for just as long as we indulge in our petty, pointless male/female, "real"/fake, homo/hetero, passable/unpassable, transgender/transsexual divisions, then for *just* so long will we remain a powerless and divided people, content with our three days of normalcy each year, hiding the best and most beautiful parts of our complex, many-layered identities in life's crevices and alleyways, out of sight and out of mind of the nonocracy busily engaged in keeping us exactly there.

The *burdens* we share are intentional, systematic *injustices*

It is time we started crying out for *real* freedom. It is time we started organizing to leave our transgendered children growing up today a far *better* world, than the twin prisons of secrecy and silence we inherited, and to which we have lately become so unconsciously and sadly accustomed. It is time we looked through the front doors of our upholstered ghettos, let the scales drop from our eyes, and vowed to forge the tools to *make an end* to our common oppressions, no matter how long, or how difficult the road ahead of us may prove to be.

A New Way to Live

by Dianna C.

I often hear, "I have never fit into the world of men, in any way; therefore, I must do whatever is necessary to become a woman, so that I can fit into life somewhere!" And so I ask, "Are 'man' and 'woman' the only choices toward becoming a whole person? What if there were other, alternate, choices?"

This research was intended to identify an historically-proven alternative possibility toward conducting and managing your life, which you likely have never considered before.

Historically, the gender community has had some very impressive role models to emulate! Virtually every culture throughout the history of civilization has acknowledged a third gender/culture of people, separate from male and/or female. For example, "American pioneer settlers encountered tribes where transvestites, called berdaches, were often respected spiritual leaders and healers thought to possess supernatural powers."[1] The Berdache were revered for their bi-gender status; they were allowed to maintain "households" with the women or to hunt and/or to fight along with the men, by the Berdache's own choice. They also were especially utilized as mediators in disputes between men and women of the tribe because of their special cross-gender insights.

Until now, it did not appear that an equivalent position/culture had been recognized in the Western European/American (Judeo-Christian) cultures.

The primary hypothesis for this research project has been that, although Western European/American history has highly misrepresented them, eunuchs traditionally have been portrayed in the same light as the Berdache, that many to most personal-trait aspects displayed by members of the gender community fit the descriptions of eunuch traits, and therefore that members of the gender community can fulfill the exceptionally rewarding roles ascribed to the eunuch, emotionally if not physically, as they have existed throughout history.

This information is a composite of research and definitions developed by Judeo-Christian scholars throughout the past 121 years, referencing original Hebrew and Greek texts in their work. (Referenced sources are footnoted to the bibliography.) This research report will take two separate approaches, overview and insight.

Let's start by defining "eunuch." The frequently referenced Greek verb eunouchizo refers to the act of castration.[2] According to the *New Catholic Encyclopedia*, a eunuch, by common use of the term, is an emasculated man, usually by castration. This same encyclopedia defines castration as "the surgical removal or definitive ionizing of the male testicles or the female ovaries." Interestingly, castrated females (via hysterectomy) have never acquired any status as eunuchs, or carried any stigmas.

The *Cyclopedia of Biblical Literature,* published in 1870, makes reference to studies which reported that the fatality rate from male castration could have ranged from a low of two in one hundred cases, to as many as two out of three or three out of four cases. By the 1870s, however, castration, especially in infancy, was considered no more dangerous than any ordinary amputation. One form of infant castration consisted of softening the testicles of very young boys in warm water, and then rubbing and pressing them until they disappeared. When castration is performed at a "tender age, . . . non-development of beard, and feminine mould of limbs and modulation of voice ensues."[3]

"Castration of the male is referred to in Chinese medical history as early as 1100 B.C." The surgery included the amputation of the penis, scrotum, and testicles. Clinical castration of females did not occur until 1809, with the advent of abdominal surgery.[4]

Male castration was first imposed as a punishment for crime. Byzantine historian Marcellinus suggests that castration was instituted by legendary Assyrian Queen Semiramis about 810 B.C. in Mesopotamia. However, ancient tablets of law indicate castration was employed as a means of punishment in Assyria at an even earlier time, particularly in cases of adultery.[5]

During the course of history, however, castration also became a voluntarily procedure for the purpose of gaining lucrative and influential positions in the imperial courts.[6]

Eunuchs have "frequently risen to high offices of trust," such as ambassadors, negotiators, confidants, supreme judges, financial ministers/treasurers, teachers, and, of course, chamberlains. "They mostly appear in one of two relations - either military, as 'set over the men of war,' greater trustworthiness possibly counterbalancing inferior courage and military vigor, or associated, as we mostly recognise [sic] them, with women and children." Eunuchs were also considered "the surest guardians of the monarch's person, and the sole confidential witness of his unguarded or undignified moments."[7] They "were characterized by single-hearted loyalty, and in the harem by unquestioned fidelity. The use of eunuchs, both domestically and politically, became commonplace throughout the Persian empire, during the Roman and Byzantine empires and in the various Islamic caliphates, as well as in China." In Asia Minor, a eunuch priesthood flourished through the institution of ritual castration, "probably motivated by a desire to be one physically as well as spiritually with the deity."[8]

"The prospect of rank, honor, and royal confidence might even induce parents to thus treat their children at a later age, if they showed an aptness for such preferment. The characteristics as regards beard, voice, etc., might then perhaps be modified, or might gradually follow."[9]

The dichotomy between castration as punishment and becoming a eunuch as an honored step-up in society can be explained within the context that if only one out of three or four men survived the amputation, it could be a safe assumption that the survivors of castration were those whose will, whose desires, tended toward removal/elimination of the male genitalia, anyway. Could the percentage of men experiencing a gender dysphoria really be that high? Given the frequency that the topic now appears on daytime television, and that the choice of program topics is driven by audience share, it must be acknowledged that the television programs featuring gender issues are heavily watched; and therefore that the percentage of men who are closeted and secretly dealing with gender dysphoria is very high.

Some researchers/writers have described eunuchs "as being the base and ready tools of licentiousness, as tyrannical in humor, and pertinacious in the authority which they exercise."[10] In other words, according to the definitions of *Webster's 9th Collegiate Dictionary:* lacking legal or moral restraints, (especially) disregarding sexual restraints and marked by disregard for strict rules of correctness; oppressive, unjust, or having arbitrary behavior or control; and adhering resolutely to an opinion, purpose, or design; being perversely persistent; being stubbornly unyielding or tenacious; being obstinate. (Anyone who has worked within the gender community, as a counselor or helping-professional, etc., will agree that these character traits fit a significant percentage of gender dysphorics!)

Let's look at Biblical writings from an

historical perspective, rather than from a religious perspective. "Some scholars believe that early Hebrew scriptures referring to homosexuality as an 'abomination' (particularly Leviticus) may have been a response to the Jewish people's experience during their exile in Babylonia in the sixth century B.C. Throughout the Near East at that time, priests in pagan religions tried to emulate a mother goddess figure by becoming effeminate, even dressing as a woman and sometimes castrating themselves. Male followers came to the temple and had anal intercourse with them as part of religious rituals. Judaism, which depicted a God who was exclusively male, had no place for such mother goddess worship; so the priests of Jehovah outlawed cult prostitution and the practice of men dressing as women."[11]

In spite of this, eunuchs in general were recognized for their power and given great social status. In the Hebrew-language Old Testament, the Hebrew term *saris* appears 47 times; the Revised Standard Version Bible translates 28 of these literally to "eunuch" and the remainder to *military officer, political official,* or *chamberlain,* while the New English Bible translates the term to "eunuch" in every case. The term *saris* is generally considered to be a loan-word from the Akkadian idiom, *sa resi* (sarri), which means "the one who is at the head (of the king)."[12]

The book of Isaiah 56:3-5 (as well as in Wisdom 3:13-14) overturned the ruling of Deuteronomy 23:1-2 that emasculated men were to be excluded from God's community. Isaiah 56:3-5 states that if they keep God's covenants and laws, the eunuchs may be members of God's people 13: "For thus saith the Lord to the eunuchs: they that shall keep my sabbaths, and shall choose the things that please me, and shall hold fast my covenant, I will give to them in my house and within my walls, a place, and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name which shall never perish." And in Wisdom 3:13-14: "So also the eunuch whose hand wrought no misdeed, who held no wicked thoughts against the Lord - for he shall be given fidelity's choice reward and a more gratifying heritage in the Lord's temple." These principles established by Isaiah 56:3 were fulfilled by events described in Acts 8:26-39.[14,15] This passage describes a meeting between Phillip the Deacon and an Ethiopian eunuch who was "a minister of Candace, queen of Ethiopia, who was in charge of all her treasures." Phillip is led by angels to the place where, in a carriage, the eunuch was studying the gospel. Phillip helped the eunuch to understand the gospel passages in question, and then baptized the eunuch.

Throughout history civilization has acknowledged a *third gender* separate from male or female

Judaism recognizes only two classes of eunuch, natural (literally translated as "a eunuch from the time of seeing the sun," or "so born") and man-made.[16]

In Matthew 19:12, Jesus describes three classes of eunuch: naturally impotent, castrated, and spiritual. Spiritual eunuchs are defined as those "who voluntarily refrain from sexual pleasure out of dedication to the kingdom of God - either because they devote their lives to a goal transcending human power, or because they find God everywhere and in everyone, so that they cannot limit themselves to the exclusive relationship of marriage."[17] It has also been proposed that Jesus, in defining a spiritual eunuch, was reacting against a slander spoken against him and his disciples, accused of being eunuchs because they were not married.[18] Spiritual eunuchs may also be those whose dedication to the kingdom of God creates happiness in the world, from within their preferred gender roles.

In the early church, Origen, misinterpreting in a literal sense the spiritual part of this passage, castrated himself.[19] In the third century, a sect of heretics emasculated themselves under the assumption that they would therefore "eradicate their evil propensities and qualify themselves for performing the duties of religion in a more holy and acceptable manner." This practice was reported to have continued to exist in Russia as late as the 1870s.[20]

The *New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology,* in its definition of eunuch, proposes an interesting concept; it suggests a relationship between castration and the Biblical admonitions of Matthew 5:29-30, (as well as those of Mark 9:42-46) that amputation of body parts (cutting off your hands, your feet, plucking out your eyes, etc.) is acceptable if those parts cause you to sin. "Measured by the standards of the kingdom of heaven even things necessary to life are unimportant, and must be surrendered where there is a conflict."[21] A footnote to Mark 9:42 in *The Holy Bible* states that "no sacrifice, however painful it may be, is too great if one may save his soul thereby."[22]

Furthermore, according to doctrine expressed in the *New Catholic Encyclopedia,* irradiation and surgical castration can be a part of therapeutic measures in the presence of very serious medical

indications. One justification appears to be that "the function of these organs as endocrine glands constitutes a threat to the patient's general welfare....Such a procedure is properly called therapeutic castration, and, provided it is free from contraceptive intent, is correctly evaluated in the moral context under the principle of 'double effect.'"[23]

The *Interpreter's Bible* supports a non-discriminatory position for modern-day eunuchs within the church; that people who are shunned and snubbed elsewhere should be openly welcomed into the church, and provided with the inspirations of the gospel as well as a place within the fellowship. This book further states that "prejudice and social snobbery are sins which damage the church and frustrate God's purpose through her."[24]

But the most important concept to emerge from this research is that throughout history, people who deliberately chose to become eunuchs, androgynes, have attained immense stature within their culture. They have served as the greatest of teachers, financial officers, military leaders, and as advisors and administrators to kings and queens. Today, through the work of the International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE), and its international conventions and related regional events, it is clear that many of the world's greatest teachers, military leaders, corporate advisors and administrators, as well as corporate financial and chief executive officers are a part of the androgyne/eunuch population. Because of Western European/American societal ignorance, prejudice, and mis-guided religious teaching, androgyne/eunuch people have been far more feared than valued, and virtually all have remained in hiding to avoid persecution.

And now, at the end of the second millennium, androgyne/eunuch people are starting to re-emerge, to reclaim status and stature within society. And what is most exciting about this re-emergence is that the skills, talent, education, intelligence, personal productivity and innovative insights, etc., that exist within eunuch/androgyne people are so powerful that it will never be necessary for any of them to lobby, or to become activists, in order to re-gain respect within our society!

For those who have struggled to relate Christian concepts to their struggle with gender dysphoria, bear in mind that Satan does not have to possess your soul to win the battle; to win he only has to find a way to keep your spirit separated from the community of mankind/womankind. Satan doesn't have to make you into a bad person, he only has to keep you from being a good person. Further, Mark 9:38-40 teaches that anyone not opposed to Christian concepts is to be considered Christian. Biblical scholar Adam Clarke states that "there are some who are so outrageously wedded to their own creed and religious system that they would..." berate other religious beliefs even more than they would berate non-believers.[25]

In light of these revelations, should you wish to study the specific Biblical verses relating to eunuchs, there are a couple of points to keep in mind. First, throughout more than a dozen different versions of the Bible that I referenced, from the fifteenth century forward, there were no substantial differences in translation for the passages used for this research.

The second and most critical point to the understanding of this research information is the fact that all biblical records were written by men of leadership and education. A specific male trait when recording/reporting on an event is that men in general are not detail oriented, unless detail is critical to the understanding of the event. This is contrasted to women's need to report all details so that a listener can understand/experience the feelings involved. An example of these traits is in the conversation between men and women at the end of a work day today. When a woman asks a man how his day went, likely as not he will answer "Fine" or some such noncommittal answer. When a man asks a woman how her day went, she will describe every meeting of people, and every detail of conversation.

So the biblical writings must be seen as minimal descriptions of reality/occurrence, and must be studied with the assumption that everything, every word that DID get written, is critically important, and that each phrase stands on its own merit.

For example, 2-4 Kings 24:12-15 - And Joachin king of Juda went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his nobles, and his eunuchs: and the king of Babylon received him in the eighth year of his reign. (13) (they brought out all of the treasure of Jerusalem, and cut them up and distributed them) (14) (all of Jerusalem was carried away; "all the princes, and all of the valiant men of the army, to the number of ten thousand, into captivity: and every artificer and smith: and none were left but the poor people of the land") (15) And he carried away Joachin into Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his eunuchs: and the judges of the land he carried into captivity from Jerusalem into Babylon. (25:19) (continuing the description of the items taken into captivity...) And out of the city one eunuch, who was captain over the men of war; and five men of them that had stood before the king, whom he found in the city, (etc). Given that men are minimalist reporters, the fact that in verse 19 the "captain over the men of war" was, separately, reported to be a eunuch is important. Otherwise it would not have been necessary to report/record this fact as a separate detail. Actually, given the order of the

sentence, the order of the wording, the report is more concerned that a eunuch was captured; this eunuch, by the way, (parenthetically) happened to be a "captain over the men of war." Likewise, in verses 12-15 the eunuchs are reported as separate entities from princes, nobles, army men, and from anyone else important.

2-4 Kings 20:18 - Isaias the prophet came to king Ezechias with a prediction of the future of Jerusalem; that everything in Ezechias' "house," all the treasures and stores, would be carried off to Babylon. Even Ezechias' sons will be taken away, "and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon." And in verse 19, Ezechias responded to Isaias that "The word of the Lord which thou hast spoken, is good: let peace and truth be in my days." (This story is repeated in Isaias 39:1-8.)

Daniel 1:1-21 relates that four children of the captured king of Juda and of his princes, were selected for their appearance, wisdom, knowledge, and education by Asphenez, who was master of the eunuchs for Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar. The Babylonian king ordered these children to be educated in the wisdom and language of the Chaldeans. Asphenez changed the given names of the children, to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednago, as well as that of Daniel to "Baltassar" (or alternately "Belshazzar"). Melzar, prince of the eunuchs, was appointed to perform the education. At the end of the education period, these four were found, "in all manner of wisdom and understanding" to be "ten times better than all the diviners and wise men that were in all of the kingdom." Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednago ultimately survived a challenge in a fiery furnace. But isn't it amazing that the four greatest prophets of those times were themselves educated by eunuchs!

The Book of Esther 1:10 reports that King Assuerus, "who reigned over 127 provinces," had "seven eunuchs that served in his presence." (Names listed!) Every decision the king made was by the counsel of the seven wise men "who knew the laws and judgements of their forefathers" (lawyers!).

Acts 8:27-39 Describes a meeting between the apostle Phillip and an Ethiopian eunuch who was "a minister of Candace, queen of Ethiopia, who was in charge of all her treasures." This eunuch had come to Jerusalem to worship. Phillip was sent by an angel of the Lord to travel the specific road (Acts 8:26), and then to "go near and keep close to this carriage" where the eunuch was sitting reading/studying the prophet Isaias. Phillip asked the eunuch "dost thou then understand what thou art reading?" And the eunuch asked Phillip for help, and invited Phillip into the carriage. As the carriage proceeded down the road, Phillip "preached Jesus to" the eunuch. The eunuch asked to be baptized, and Phillip complied. Immediately after, "the Spirit of the Lord took Phillip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, but went on his way rejoicing."

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Defining Transvestism

by Debbie Mitchell

The average person probably wouldn't know the definition of the word transvestism if they were asked, so to begin this research paper I went to the *Webster's New World Dictionary* for the definition: Getting sexual pleasure from dressing in the clothing of the opposite sex. A transvestite is usually a man who dresses in women's clothes. There are three general types of transvestites listed in the resource material I found. They are differentiated by their attitudes toward their own crossdressing.

The first type is referred to as the pseudo-transvestite. This person isn't a true transvestite at all. He tries crossdressing as an exploratory behavior. He may try wearing some item such as a pair of panties, a bra, or maybe a pair of pantyhose to see what they feel like when they are worn. When he puts the item on, he will usually decide it does very little for him, or that it is arousing, but not as much as the woman who usually wears it. They usually won't go any farther with their experiments.

The second type of transvestite is the fetishistic transvestite. These men have no desire to act as a transvestite in certain stereotyped ways. Some of the ways are: to show off, to be noticed, to be adored while dressed, and to be adulated while dressed in their desired manner. This group of men has a high proportion of masochistic desire. This desire is to be humiliated by being forced to dress in women's clothing and to act submissive. This type of transvestite feels masculine, lives as a man and is most often heterosexual. This person usually rejects any idea of wanting to become a woman permanently. He just wants to be able to dress up as one whenever he chooses to. There may or may not be guilt involved in his dressing. He is usually with a partner.

The third classification is the true transvestite. This person classes himself as masculine, but seems doubtful and is less convinced about his sexuality than the other two groups. Sometimes, the true transvestite, or TV as he is referred to in the subculture, will live completely dressed as a woman. If the TV doesn't live as a woman, he usually wears feminine underwear under his male clothing most of the time to make him feel good. To the true TV, dressing up is not intended to be sexually arousing, but rather to relax, to get away from the male world, and to release the stress of the day. As for myself, after not dressing for awhile, I get sexually aroused.

There is no known cure for transvestism, and like alcoholism, once a person becomes one, she will be one for life. Some TVs will experiment with female hormones to try and develop a more womanly figure if they can obtain them. Although most true TVs at one time or another have thought of what it would be like to have sex reassignment surgery and to really become a woman physically, very few would actually do so. TVs don't feel they're trapped in the body of the wrong sex. That person is referred to as a transexual.

I myself, being a TV, know about most of the feelings that a TV goes through. I've been into crossdressing since my early childhood. I have no idea what happened, or how I started, or, for that matter, why. I remember always feeling lonely and different from others. I always felt that I didn't fit in and that made me feel very worthless. I remember having these feelings long before I ever experimented with my mother's underwear. When I started, I did so to escape from the feelings that I was having about myself. From the beginning, it had an arousing effect. Whenever I would dress, I would always feel better than I did before, but the guilt of doing so was so overwhelming that I started drinking to handle the guilt. It became a vicious circle. Little did I know that I was destined to become an alcoholic.

I was the youngest of two children, both boys. I never did feel that I was as good as my brother, but I felt that I had to try even if I failed, which I usually did, and the circle would start over. It would be more dressing, more daydreaming, and more drinking. This was the pattern

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all of my life. Each time that I would fail at an undertaking, I would feel the need to escape and off I'd go again. All of my life I was trying to live up to someone else's expectations, but I would always fail, and my feelings of being worthless would be confirmed and I would escape again. This behavior continued until I entered into an alcohol treatment program in 1982, where I met a doctor who taught me to accept myself for who and what I am. I was told that I was not unique and that I have a lot of good qualities.

Since leaving treatment, I've been attending at least five AA meetings a week and I've joined a support group, called Crossroads, which deals with my crossdressing and the feelings that go along with it. As one might expect, I grew up feeling very confused about my sexuality. I thought that I must have been gay since no straight man would want to dress and act like a woman. During

I *always* felt I didn't *fit in*

the years up to the time I entered treatment, I experimented with gay sex, but it didn't do anything for me, which pushed me further into drinking and running from myself. Since treatment, I've learned to accept myself for who I am. Today, I'm okay about myself.

During the last three years, I've studied numerous psychology and sociology courses from which I've come to some conclusions. I believe that every person has a whole personality which is made up of two parts: masculine and feminine. My formula for living a sane and sober life is that I allow both parts of my personality to function as a whole.

During my recover from alcoholism and my acceptance of my female self within, I've been able to reach out to other TVs I've met in Crossroads who were also using drinking to be comfortable with themselves and their crossdressing. I know at least ten people in recovery who are living much happier lives because today they accept themselves as they are.

Today, I truly believe that my God loves and accepts me whether I'm dressed in my best male suit or in my sexiest dress. I really love feeling complete, and today I am happy as I have a lot of friends on both sides of the fence male and female.

Fantasy Land

by Marcia

A visit to Disney World en femme can be as exciting a reality for many as it was for me. For over 54 years I have enjoyed many wonderful experiences, but my recent trip to Epcott and Universal Studios was one of the most memorable of all. For the last five years I have driven 1500 miles each way to Florida checking into motels, dining and shopping along the way, but had never fulfilled the fantasy of enjoying Disney as a female.

I checked into a Holiday Inn near the complex, did a quick redo on my makeup, a dash of perfume and drove to the Epcott Center. It is necessary after parking your car to board a tram to the main entrance. That day it was sprinkling so I took an umbrella, but the seat of the tram was wet and the moisture penetrated my silk skirt, satin slip and panties. By the way, I never wear slacks in public so I dressed as casually as possible in a pretty two-piece dress shown in the picture. I am so much more comfortable dressed this way and certainly don't want to wear pants, and of course I love the feel of the softness of my slip against my gartered stockings and the click of my heels on the cement. I was concerned that I might be overdressed, but my outfit did not attract any undue attention. As a matter of fact I only observed six other ladies in dresses or skirts during my entire stay. Most wore slacks or shorts and tennies.

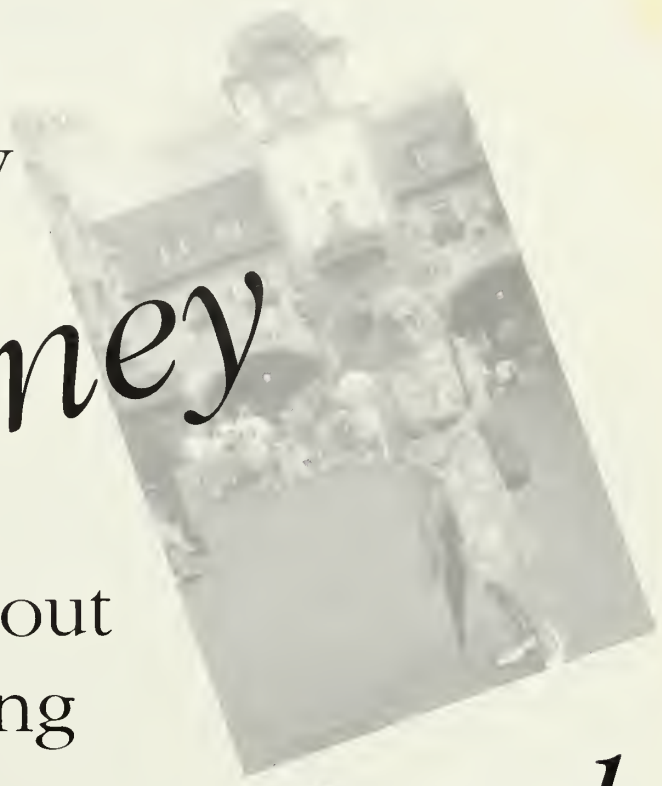
After purchasing my ticket, I walked around the entire lake at Epcott, stopping for lunch at the Canadian pavilion first for a glass of chardonnay and a delightful sandwich. I then continued around the lake to visit each of the countries and enjoy the exhibits, shows and street entertainers including a mime at France who complimented my dress with his gestures.

Later in the afternoon I stopped in a pub in England for another glass of wine at the bar and enjoyed visiting with several other guests who were also relaxing there. It was necessary for me to ask complete strangers on the street to take my picture which nine people very willingly did, and I also took pictures of some of them with their cameras. Then at five PM I

boarded the monorail to the elegant Grand Floridian Hotel for dinner. I gave my name to the hostess and waited with many others in the lobby for about a half-hour until the hostess seated me. The wait was pleasurable as a pianist entertained us at a huge grand piano. After dinner I strolled the lovely grounds and enjoyed a visit with several ladies who were traveling together and who were very friendly to this gal who was alone. It was fun to watch a movie being shot on the hotel grounds with some of the most beautiful young girls all in cute bikini bathing suits shooting a beach scene. I stayed until 10 PM so that I could enjoy the fabulous light and fireworks show before returning to my hotel.

I went into the cocktail lounge for a night cap and a charming gentleman insisted on buying me a drink and we had a fun visit together as he was also doing Disney alone. He was cute in the way he tried to have me come to his room, but I declined.

We can enjoy Disney without being read



Next morning up very early, showered did my makeup, dressed and had breakfast at the Inn before driving to Universal Studios. Valet parking is available there which I would recommend to any girls who visit because they do not have a tram and I had a long walk to the entrance of the studio. I enjoyed *Earthquake*, *Jaws*, *King Kong* and *Ghostbusters* but particularly enjoyed being feminine and walking all around this beautiful spot and being accepted by other guests as what I appeared to be, a nice lady alone on holiday.

Space does not permit my sharing many of my delightful experiences, but for those who would like to go to Disney en femme I have a few suggestions. Purchase a one day pass only, otherwise you have to be photographed for a passport. I was concerned about being in such close proximity to thousands of other visitors. For example one needs to stand in long lines for over a half hour (sometimes longer) and the lines wind back and forth so everyone gets to observe everyone else at all angles and at close quarters. Often one needs to speak with others in line which was not a problem for me as I am able to produce a believable feminine voice. Also when traveling the monorail one is in a compartment at close quarters with others alongside and seated across from you. On two occasions I had to stand for the entire long trip, grasping the overhead support and once a gentleman stood closer to me than I thought really necessary and I could feel his hips against mine and once a slight arm brush against my breast which I simply ignored.

One of the reasons I believe we can enjoy Disney without being read is that everyone else is so busy enjoying themselves that they don't even notice others. There are, of course, many large ladies' rest rooms all over the park with young mothers and daughters using the facilities and though on other occasions women have visited with me in the ladies' lounges, no one spoke to me in my frequent rest room stops.

While it is true over the years that I have enjoyed theatre, football games and many other events both escorted and alone, this was a forever memorable event and I plan to do it again this year, but this time I am going to wear pretty shorts and a casual blouse with nylons and of course flats which are a must.

Obviously an experience like this would not be recommended for a girl on her first public outing, but for those of you who have enjoyed public outings I would really suggest a visit to the Disney complex. Marcia certainly will never forget her visit there.

Escaping the Twilight World

by Christine Beatty

Christine Beatty is an author, musician and corporate drone. Christine's latest book is a collection of short stories and poetry based on her experiences as a transsexual, a former prostitute and a drug addict. The bock is Misery Loves Company, available for $8.50 from Glamazon Press, P O Box 423602, San Francisco CA 94142 USA.

The great majority of readers of *Tapestry* are fortunate never to have known a life of drug addiction or prostitution. Unfortunately for some members of the gender community, notably transsexuals and others who identify as transgender, living on the underside of life may be a situation that is all too familiar. As a transsexual woman who has evolved from a street-walking junkie to a corporate yuppie, I know many facets of transgender existence. The problems are pervasive, and part of the solution begins with educating those who don't know the twilight world of many urban transsexuals. Even though I write this article from the viewpoint of male-to-female (MTF) transgenders, it should be kept in mind that some female-to-males (FTM) are fighting their own battles with drug and alcohol abuse.

My days of addiction and prostitution were spent in the Tenderloin district of downtown San Francisco, so I'll confine my comments to that neighborhood, however the same conditions apply in other areas as well. As a down-and-out transsexual, I seldom left the Tenderloin. It was my comfort zone in a hostile and prejudiced world. My universe was very small, consisting mostly of my apartment. I occasionally worked the street or the bar, but usually I prostituted from my studio, hustling up money for my next drug buy.

To present a fair picture, many transsexuals have never been prostitutes or addicts, but I know only a few who have completely managed to avoid both of those problems. A transsexual faces many difficulties, and a lot of us get caught up in an existence we don't want. Yet, some transsexuals are finding the road to recovery and leaving intoxication and/or prostitution behind. It was a journey we were glad to make. We were not thrilled with the life we led, but we didn't believe anything better was possible. After spending so long outside of mainstream society, the American Dream seemed just that, a dream. Most of us wanted to improve ourselves, but many factors worked against us.

A TS (transsexual) trying for a better life has much to overcome in a culture that ridicules and attacks her. Often disowned by family and friends, she has few positive role models who have succeeded in the "straight" world. Sometimes the only acceptance or appreciation she gets is as a whore. And when she tries to break out of a life of addiction or prostitution, she finds that rehabilitation is greatly restricted or even inaccessible.

There are many roads to recovery. Some people come to believe they have a problem and actively seek help, while others are "encouraged" into attending support groups by outside forces like the courts. I was introduced to recovery in June of 1986 when I was whoring and hooked on hard drugs. After an emotional breakdown and a trip to the psychiatric unit of San Francisco General, I was made to go to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings for a week upon my release. Yet it took two more years for me to believe I had a drug problem and do something about it.

When I began drug rehabilitation in the Summer of 1988, I didn't know of any other transsexuals who were also recovering from alcoholism or drug addiction aside from my best friend, Nola. Within six months, we'd met two other TSs in support meetings and heard of a few others. Unfortunately, we didn't see them very often, so Nola and I stayed clean mostly without the benefit of peer role models.

This isn't to say that we didn't get help from the other former addicts. Many of them were happy to give us

their support, transsexuals or not. This unquestioning acceptance made staying clean and sober possible for us. Still, the absence of our peers made us a little more shy, less willing to talk about our unique issues, and made recovery seem less accessible. We weren't used to acceptance from other people.

Since that Summer of '88, I have seen my sisters come and go in these meetings, and I am glad that more of them are sticking around. When they see that transsexuals are accepted in some support groups, that we can recover and have a better life, then they are more willing to give it a chance. It is a Domino Effect. The more TSs that populate a meeting, the greater the chance of their peers finding out and showing up. The more that show up, the more that stay in recovery.

Not all of them stay. Transgender discrimination and other burdens can lead to low self-esteem and make substance abuse seem like an easy, desirable escape. These factors tend to lower one's expectations and, hence, the will to do better. My former situation is an excellent case in point. While a prostitute, I had a degree in computer science but no confidence in my ability to find a job as a woman. Recovery doesn't come easily against such obstacles, and I wouldn't have made it without both the Veteran's Administration and a timely regression to living as a male.

Even though I have turned my life around, I still live in the Tenderloin. Part of the reason I choose to stay in this neighborhood is to do my own form of outreach to my sisters. They see me come and go from work, they see me walk around with a clear head, and they don't see me out on the street corner or making a buy from a connection. I make no secret of being clean and sober, but I don't preach recovery and I avoid acting holier-than-thou. Because I have kept this attitude, some of my peers have felt free to ask me how I got clean.

It was my *comfort zone* in a hostile & prejudice *world*

I was most hopeful for Erica. She was a gorgeous TS who had one of the sweetest personalities I have ever encountered during my nine years in this neighborhood. She was sick of being a junkie, and though she had managed periods of abstinence before, she never stayed clean for long. She knew of my recovery, and one evening she asked how I did it. I told her Nola and I had stayed clean for two years at that point by going to support groups. I encouraged her to call one of us about going to a meeting when she felt ready. She thanked me and that was it.

I wish I'd kept after her. Six weeks later she was found dead of a heroin overdose. She had been able to stay abstinent for two weeks through sheer willpower, but it wasn't enough. She eventually relapsed, and with her tolerance to the drug lowered in this clean time, she had accidently overdosed.

Yet, getting to group meetings is no guarantee of success. I have seen other TSs make it to these groups and eventually leave. Their reasons are varied. Lacking many peers, some of them feel out of place. But mostly, an urban transsexual's life is so unstable that she can't get a foothold in recovery without making some kind of drastic change in her situation.

Residential programs give an addict/alcoholic the best chance for rehabilitation. They are a safe, clean, supportive environment, removed from strife, drugs and crime. The staff is familiar with substance abuse problems and qualified to help the patient. With the day-to-day concerns of survival placed on the back burner, treatment is the major focus of life. All these factors make a foothold in recovery much stronger.

Unfortunately, affordable residential treatment centers are scarce in comparison to our national substance abuse problem, and the wait for them is long, a result of our out-of-balance federal drug policy. Only those with medical coverage have a chance to get into many rehab programs which may cost $10,000 or more for a typical stay. And because it is difficult for most uninsured people to get treatment, it is almost completely inaccessible to transsexuals. Even if a TS manages to find an inpatient program that doesn't have a long waiting list, she may still be kept out due to prejudice, especially if she is still in a pre-operative status.

This is a big problem with many residential programs. Despite the transitional process a TS goes through, she is considered to be male until the final surgery. Most programs will not put a pre-op with other women in the unit. Despite being hormonally, socially and psychologically female, she would not be welcome in most women's programs until after sex reassignment surgery. Furthermore, she would most likely feel very out of place in a men's facility, and most men would be uncomfortable with her being there. The end result is that she is denied treatment.

This is a widespread problem for most TSs desiring an inpatient program. The statistics are sketchy, but it is estimated that only eight to twelve thousand transsexuals have had sex changes and, thus, are legally female. There are perhaps ten times

this number of us who are still waiting for surgery, either because of the staggering cost, or medical considerations, or because of personal problems such as substance abuse. And some transsexuals don't want surgery.

Fortunately, the situation has improved in San Francisco. However, these problems still exist for transsexuals in most other areas. Three years ago, I interviewed Christine Tayleur, then a supervisor and counsellor at the Tenderloin Self Help Center about the problems facing a transsexual seeking an inpatient program. A TS herself, Christine is all too familiar with the discrimination with which we live.

"If she's post-operative, they may let her into a women's program. If she's not post-op, then there are very few options open to her. There are no inpatient programs that I know of that will take a [pre-op] transsexual. It's a combination of ignorance and prejudice. Many people in the provider community, no matter how professional, are still human and still have their prejudices."

Usually when she wanted to place a pre-op TS in a program, Ms. Tayleur would try to get them into the psychiatric system where the halfway houses will accept a transsexual, but not specifically for recovery. In order to do this, she would have to arrange for a psychiatric diagnosis.

This is not an option for many, however. There are a limited number of beds available for those with a severe psychiatric problem: A history of suicide attempts, involuntary psychiatric holds and other mental health crisis situations are the only way to be eligible for such programs. Unfortunately, these programs won't handle someone under the influence, including those who are detoxifying, and these are the situations when most substance abusers need support. In any case, these houses are not recovery programs, and thus the focus is not on that issue.

A TS faces an uphill battle in trying to get the help to help herself. Sometimes only luck and circumstance will combine to get a transgendered person into treatment. Mine was a case of fortunate timing. I decided to seek treatment near the end of a two-year-long, unsuccessful, very unhappy attempt at living as a man. As an honorably discharged veteran, I was able to check into a Veteran's Administration facility in August of 1988. In three months I laid a firm foundation for my recovery and again began to deal with my gender issue. A year later I was living happily as a woman full-time.

My friend Nola was luckier than many TSs seeking an inpatient program. She is able to "pass" as a genetic (born) female better than many TSs, so when she was interviewed for a halfway house five years ago, she was initially accepted without any qualms. But, when she told them she was a pre-op TS, they let her stay only after a vote was taken among the other women in the house. If it weren't for the open-minded, accepting attitudes of these women, she wouldn't have been able to remain there.

Others, like our friend Patty, are not so fortunate. Sporadically plagued by homelessness, and all too entrenched in her personal problems, she is an example of a TS who needs a program to get off the street and get her life together. I've seen her come to recovery meetings before, but never consistently. She wants to stay sober but has no idea of how to get started.

On the other hand, there are some great success stories. One of the most impressive is Angel Ichord's. She recently celebrated four years of sobriety after more than twenty years of addiction and prostitution. She completed a G.E.D. program, earned her LVN certification and is less than a year from a Registered Nurse license. Naturally enthusiastic about what her recovery has brought her, she tends to preach to her friends who are still "out there." As someone with a reputation for being a hardcore dope fiend and prostitute, her recovery is inspiring to most everyone who knows her.

Angel began living as a woman when she was thirteen years old and became involved with drugs when she was seventeen. After six years she developed an addictive pattern that became hard to break. In 1990, at age 37, after twenty years of drugs and crime, she began to turn her life around with help.

One evening after dinner, we talked about her addiction and recovery. I began by asking what made her want recovery. "I couldn't keep a roof over my head," she told me. "No matter how much money I made I couldn't pay the bills."

"What kept you from recovery for so long?"

"There was no place to rest. I was so strung out, the only way I could function was with drugs. I needed some place I could quit hustling, make new plans, set new goals, and to dry out, to clean up." Angel's friend Nicole is still involved in prostitution, but expects to start a straight job soon. Nicole believes that her new job will be a great help by getting her out of an environment that keeps her in a perpetual cycle of prostitution and substance abuse. "I want something more out of life," Nicole said. "A nice home, a business, a husband." Nicole isn't completely clean and sober, but she is looking forward to the day when she doesn't get loaded any more. "I know there's more to life than this."

She says she started going to meetings because she wanted to meet clean and sober people. "Almost everybody I know is a dope fiend," she told me. I asked her if prostitution keeps her from being

completely clean and sober and she emphatically agreed. "Oh, yes. I have to drink to turn tricks. I felt like I couldn't get a date unless I was high. If I got high, I'd make money." The problem was that she got so intoxicated that it became miserable.

"How and where did you finally get clean?" I asked.

"I went to a homeless shelter and laid up there for seven months."

During that time, Angel attended a drug education program and she went to support groups on a regular basis. And now, after a lot of hard work, she can be proud of her life. Angel is lucky to have gotten sober in that environment which is not a drug program in itself.

"I think that most of the drug programs in this city won't let transsexuals in them," she says. "There's no place for us."

I asked her if she thought there were lots of other transsexuals that would like to quit the prostitution and the drugs. "I have people ask me all the time. All the time. They ask me how I got cleaned up. They'd checked into recovery houses and these places wouldn't even give them the time of day. They need someplace to go that is accepting of them."

Nicole also knows the misery that is so common on the street. "A lot of those girls want to clean up. It's a rut. When you're in the street, you've got to get high to do it. And you've got to pay for the high some way." She added that she feels fortunate to have a marketable skill, and thus, a ticket out.

I asked what was keeping those girls out there if they wanted recovery so bad. "It takes time," Angel replied. "The kind of time you get in a program where you can set goals, and figure out who you are and what you want out of life. You can't hop out of the gutter into a penthouse."

Getting off dope and booze is merely the first step of recovery. There is a lot of healing to do, some growing up to catch up on, and many choices to make. Responsible behaviors have to be learned or re-learned. A better life slowly begins to take shape. Unfortunately, none of this can happen without that opportunity to clean up, which is difficult without being on the street, too.

Making recovery programs available is good fiscal policy. Ninety days in jail costs the taxpayers many times more than ninety days in an inpatient program. More importantly, rehabilitation is much more likely to happen in a program. For many prostitutes/addicts, jail is where to go to get a rest from the hustle or when a drug habit gets too big to support. I have spent some time in jail, and it is quite bearable, especially when you've been on the street for a while. But, it is certainly not an atmosphere ripe with the possibility of turning your life around.

Helping those who want to help themselves, lowering the crime rate, and improving the use of our tax dollars are direct benefits of making recovery available to those who want it. It is not just a good idea, it is a moral imperative for a society that values equal opportunity. Therefore, we need to help make recovery a real possibility for transgendered people.

According to Christine Tayleur, what is needed are inpatient programs, including detoxification facilities, that will admit transsexuals. "If the psychiatric establishment can deal with transsexuals and provide them space in halfway houses, then it seems to me that the recovery establishment should be able to do the same," she said.

"I don't know of any place I can send transsexuals to detox and go through withdrawals," Ms. Tayleur lamented. She believes that a lot of consciousness-raising will slowly do away with discrimination, but it won't be easy.

One possible avenue of approach is through training the staff at recovery facilities. Ms. Tayleur has done outreach at several outpatient programs in the city and provided them with gender education. By and large, these programs are supportive to the transsexuals that seek help. Perhaps the same approach may work at inpatient programs.

Recently, a few rehabilitation programs in San Francisco have begun accepting indigent transsexuals, even those who are preoperative, into their facilities. This is largely due to outreach to social service providers by transsexuals who are recovering substance abusers, including Nola and myself. It is a good start, but even more is needed.

Unfortunately, the biggest problem for all programs is money. No matter how sensitive a program is to the needs of a transgendered person, it is only as accessible as its funding. With big budget cuts looming everywhere, with the bulk of war-on-drugs money going to enforcement, a gloomy future is likely. More TSs will be forced to the street corners to earn the money for the drugs they are sick of taking, all because they are caught in a vicious cycle that needs to be broken. And the break that is needed is the availability of the safe, supportive environments afforded by inpatient programs.

Angel, Nola, and I are grateful to have escaped that twilight world. As a result of our turnaround, we are in a position to help others, and to be productive, tax-paying citizens. All of our sisters deserve the same opportunity, and it is imperative that our community do all we can to open up treatment for transgendered people. Write to your government. Get involved. We deserve no less.

Love & Peace

by Elga Remes

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This is the slogan of Phaedra Kelly of England. One who corresponds with her can always read it before her signature. What a discrepancy between her nice words and ugly deeds! Phaedra Kelly slandered me in her letter to the *Tapestry Journal* #67 in order to "crush" me as she wrote in her letter to me of December 15, 1993.

I would like to quote the lines of the English poet, Dryden:

> *To hear an open slander is a curse; But not to find an answer is a worse...*

So, I am going to have to answer Phaedra's slander.

I am not surprised about the vicious lies written by Phaedra in issue #67 of *Tapestry*. Phaedra asserts herself not to be a Christian, but a shaman. As we know, shaman priests are correctly said to abhor Christianity and its values. So does Phaedra Kelly.

Our world-wide transgender community members have, with negligible exceptions, always been friendly to each other, discussing differences when they occur, but never biting each other only to satisfy one's ambitions.

Listen to what Phaedra announced in the mentioned letter:

> *I shall...advise all groups...to cease all contact with you and file your group as non-existent. I take a VERY HARD LINE on Offenders. I warn you now, I SHALL CRUSH you with every resource at my disposal.*

Why would Phaedra want to crush me? What offence am I guilty of? The answer as I quite understand it is simple. The shaman overlord has failed to place me in a position of an underdog. That is the reason why Phaedra published the letter to the editor, with a heading, "The Pravda of the Situation."

As everybody here in Latvia knows, the Russian word Pravda, often used by the communist functionaries, here means quite the opposite: lies. That is what Phaedra conveyed to the readers of the *Tapestry*.

The truth (not pravda) is that Phaedra's threats to crush me were caused by my refusal to obey her, to carry out the plans of her sham IGTA. Her aim was to take under her "umbrella" the Russian TV/TS and homosexual communities. According to these plans, she allocated me the role of some kind of "bridgehead." That, because of my knowledge of English and Russian. Phaedra wanted me to publish a TV/TS magazine in Russian (partly in Latin alphabet!). According to her plans, I should organize all the Russian transgender communities with the help of the magazine. I should publish it on my resources.

One of the first steps towards organizing the Russian trans what she "only" wanted, was to provide her with a "full list of the addresses of all the labor camps in Russia, as well as asylums throughout the former USSR" (P.K. letter, 3 March, 1993). Afterwards, I should find out the locations of individual Russian transgender people, edit their letters, translate them into English and send them to Phaedra. However, Phaedra's so-called IGTA was not able to finance the project. She said she did not want to run into expenses. But why should I? I refused. I had neither the time nor the money for such plans.

Visiting me at my invitation in autumn 1992, I showed her the room where our group gathers. She saw plenty of femme wardrobe, cosmetics, etc., there. Without any scruples, Phaedra suggested that I should sell many of our items to finance her Russian project. What about the Russian TV/TS people?

First of all, it is an infamous lie that I had ever had a pathological hatred against the Russians as Phaedra declares in her slander-letter. I have many Russian friends—straight and TV/TS people. One of the latter is Margaret (Misha) Mankewitsch, whom I personally introduced to Phaedra during her visit at my home. The report about Svetlana's tragic

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This article is printed in response to a letter that appeared in the Mail Bag in issue #67. The letter made some pretty strong statements and we feel that our readers should hear both sides of the story.

Transgender Self Respect

by Phaedra Kelly

Phaedra Kelly operates The International Gender Transient Affinity, headquartered in Great Britain. She tours the earth locating transgenders and making them known.

It causes me much regret to witness tran people parading themselves as mock-up gays and lesbians under a 'Pride' banner. Overnight plunging into politics and forgetting their own identity.

Pride is a sin. Pride comes before a fall and that is the saddest pride of all. It is exactly what was done to the Native Americans; first dehumanize them, commandeer the best of their culture and what can not be taken, must be made trivial or commercial, then finally, label them a Proud Race and watch them fade into obscurity.

Pride is stubborn, arrogant and reluctant to change. The homosexual lobby probably had its moderates to voice that opinion, and they were forgotten in the angry rush. Now, you want to forget that not long ago, you were discussing the Self Respect of the Transgendered.

Homosexual folly was engaged on their own initiative, your adoption of 'pride' is second hand, which along with it not being indicative of Your identity as what you are, makes it all the more disgusting.

Homosex is just that, SEX. It has No identity, No true philosophy, NO culture that it has not either contrived or stolen, from the true 3rd gender, The Androgyne. Take away what it has stolen, and what's left is the 'culture' of a group of people devoted to firing blanks, in direct competition to people devoted to breeding, — or hadnt you thought about why some gays call heterosexuals 'breeders'. Hetero, or homo, both are mono-options, limits, and one breeds the other through a very modern history of latency and laxity. Homo is an inversion of hetero, hetero is a fish out of water eversince humans abandoned nature for 'civilised' settlement, and thus, the sex-for-pleasure myth has spawned excessiveness, the cage-bored animal behaviour observed in zoo's and factory farms. Any true, real diversity, comes first from us, the 3rd gender.

If the Trans and Queens had not fought and held at Stone-wall as at UKs battle of Heaven, both would have been just another shortlived queer-bashing incident unreported in any newspaper. The likes of Laura Masters ought to read Esther Newton, (Mother Camp, Chicago University Press), on the difference in reactions to police oppression between the Queens and the so-called 'straight gay'.

It was the Queens and Trans sitting in on meetings, and asserting their ideas, because they felt free'r to talk when à la femme, which BUILT the 'gay movement'. All that IS documented fact, acknowledged even by the homosexuals. But, since then, our Queen sisters and us alike, have been rejected, downtrodden and held back by the covert agendas of people who built their advance on our backs.

Greek gays are powerful now, behind a leader who is openly anti Tran. For what reason? Gay men and women in Greece can work freely in any job, while our sisters remain limited to vice. Why? Can it be, that early Greek culture was founded in principals of dualism, and that WE had a role to play in that, which if recognised, would prove the lie to 'gay culture'? Certainly, a percentage of our Greek Travesti sisters know this to be true.

If you now talk/write of your culture with 'unabashed pride' and your 'colourful heritage' too, you are discussing what has become by your own DEFAULT, an industry of prostitution ending in disease and murder statistics. Think it over,- 'Ancient Greece' was 3000 years ago!

Are you, truly, proud to let that go? To leave it to lay fallow and be unaddressed? Or would you preffer to find your self respect again, discover a willingness to learn, grow and help change things for our 3rd world sisters? A job Best begun, by communicating with those who live on a daily basis With the 'godess' you lately favour to rant about, as a part of the heritage of their countries of BIRTH, but who are kept even further from it, than even you, despite a native awareness to it stronger than anything you could imagine.

The fact is, that we dont HAVE a 'community' yet. There are gulfs of understanding keeping us apart, and we are all fighting the genocidal machinations of an other world, afraid of us, in our own sweet ways. I dont think we need worry about 'pissing off yet another 10 percent of the population' as L. Masters has it. It's not we who have to win the world over, - its the OTHER way

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fate I sent to the *Transcript*. By the way, trusting Phaedra's sincerity, I sent a copy of the report for her files, not for publication. However, Phaedra published the story in the *Narcissus* before JoAnn Roberts published it in the *Transcript*, for which it was meant. I was rightly rebuked by JoAnn about it.

In reply to my reproaches to Phaedra in this matter, she scolded Americans in general because of their "egoism," and JoAnn in particular for "hogging" (P.K. expression) information and keeping it copyright. No wonder that later Phaedra laments, "I seem to have lost the support of the USA groups, due perhaps to telling the truth a bit too often." (10 Dec.1992) In my opinion, the American sisters are bright enough to discern the real character of Phaedra and her vicious intrigues.

There are many sisters in Russia with whom I correspond. Nevertheless, I am unable to organize the vast Russian transgender community "en masse" as Phaedra would like.

Besides, there is a serious problem concerning the phony Russian gender benders. Many people sentenced for various criminal offenses and later released from the labor camps often pose as TV/TS people badly needing material help. They ask others to send them food, sweets, cigarettes and clothing (by the way, only masculine clothing). They usually confuse TV/TS problems with homosexuality. That is also confirmed by Phaedra herself (letter of 19 November, 1992):

> *Maggie and I found the Moscow group, but it is corrupt, run by an ex-police chief...who is still an informer for the cops and is spending the group's money also.*

A commentary is superfluous,I think.

In autumn 1992, during Phaedra's visit to me in Latvia, she was treated as my best friend. I confess I really liked her then. I have also welcomed other TV/TS friends coming from abroad to visit me. I had long talks with her, also about my past, about which I have never been ashamed. However, some details of them she later used to slander me. (More about this later.) We had sightseeing travels by my car and I arranged all the services a friend might expect. I also arranged accommodation for both Phaedra and Margaret Mankewitsch with my Russian friends in Moscow. They never had to pay a penny for anything.

Reading the letter in *Tapestry* I came to the conclusion that Phaedra is a very mean person. According to a recent article in the *Reader's Digest*, May, 1994, some people have mean flashes in moments of stress, but there are also individuals who, being mean, want to inflict pain. That applies to full extent to Phaedra. I have overcome her mean insults, but will despise her forever, excuse me. If she knows Greek mythology, her chosen name, Phaedra, is not suitable for her. Agrippina would be much better.

After all, I wonder what kind of organization the International Gender Transient Affinity is. A rival of IFGE? Or what? To my knowledge, the pompously sounding "organization" consists of one person only, "Director" Phaedra Kelly. Else, no members, no program, no money. Phaedra maintains to be no less than a scientist—a social anthropologist, in the study of comparative religions, parapsychology, and androgyny. Can she present a university degree? Her rude lingo barely confirms it.

It is not my business to find it out, neither to ask where she gets money to go on "rescue" missions to Greece, Turkey and Russia to assist the local vice-girls (better TV whores) and defend them in cases of persecution. On the other hand, it is only and solely our business how we organize activities in our group FPE-LATVIA. I have always told Phaedra that I strongly object to her meddling in matters of our group.

Our group is closely associated with FPE-SWEDEN. The Swedish sisters visit us, we have meetings with them, correspond with them and also with sisters in America and in England. I help in translating. However, "inspectors" of Phaedra's like are not welcome here. We are not a subsidiary of her one-person, four-letter organization, which is the most dubious phenomenon in the world-wide TV/TS community.

Phaedra solemnly proclaims, "GTA Latvia officially does not exist." Correct. In reality, and officially, FPE-Latvia exists. Phaedra can refuse to see it, just as to insist the moon is just a penny in the sky.

Last but not least, it is interesting to observe Phaedra's manner of mixing up gender problems with politics. In this Phaedra demonstrates her bad character, uneducated manners and mean-ness above all. Her attacks on me willy-nilly remind me of a humorous episode I witnessed in an American exhibition in Moscow long ago. A General Motors representative demonstrated the street cruisers of his company. He also answered questions in Russian. Suddenly a Russian came up to him and interrupted him, "Yes, yes, that is all right, but you shoot negroes in America!"

I am not ashamed of my past history. I have never been a Nazi, nor a communist. Totalitarian ideas have always been abhorrent to me. That is why in my adolescent years I was very attached to certain British living in Latvia. However, when the invading Russian army pushed forward to invade my country again, I, as most Latvians, joined the German armed forces to fight the red menace of bolshevism. Everybody believed that the allies would win the war, but not permit the bolsheviks to swallow the little Baltic countries. It turned out

otherwise. Many Latvians joined the underground movement, but most who fought against the Russians were sent to Siberian labor camps. After some years in the camp, I was released, joined my Latvian and English friends again, but soon found out that we had been betrayed by the British for a long time. (Kim Philby, as we know, worked for the Russians at least from 1937.)

The Latvian underground movement appeared to be under KGB surveillance. It later also appeared that some officials of the British SIS had worked hand-in-hand with the KGB since the days before the war. The Latvian partisans joined the Latvian emigrants sent from England, but neither knew that they were only pawns, and were fooled by both the KGB and the British SIS. I knew, but my signals to England and Washington via mediators were to no avail. That is a long story which Phaedra has distorted with the aim of slandering me.

I am planning to go to England and to Washington to gather facts for my book about the mentioned undertaking. The main obstacle so far is lack of money. I have no problem entering the United Kingdom or the United States, as according to Phaedra her vice girls have. I am a patriot of my country and have a clear conscience. I have never covered my family name with a pseudonym.

It is not clear to me what besides the gender problems appear for Phaedra so very alluring in Russia. For sure I can say what is clear to me. Phaedra Kelly is an apologist for the Russian imperialism. In her letter of 19 November, 1992, she bluntly states, "as far as we [Who are we? E.R.] are concerned Latvia is Russian soil..." In her letter of 10 December one can read,

> *I am well aware that Russia overtook all the minor nations around it...Regarding the petty fascism [??] corruption, spite and old evil of ethnic cleansing now emerging in those nations IT WAS PERHAPS FOR THE BEST THAT THEY WERE HELD DOWN!*

It is a wonder we don't hear her outcry yet: "Heil ZSHIRINOWSKY!"

Phaedra Kelly clearly declares that she is an enemy of my native country Latvia.

I did not want to touch politics in a TV/TS journal, but I am sorry, Phaedra Kelly asked for it.

She declares love, but cultivates hatred, declares peace, but propagates hostility. She wants to crush me, but I have the right to expose her.

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around. It's not us who have been cheapening and robbing other peoples culture, or fattening on the profits of businesses which sponsor the public murder of our 3rd world sisters, nor have we ever waged war on the world.

Until this 'community' understands and accept that, nevermind pissing off anyone when you are still pissing into the wind yourselves.

Why, wonders Marcia Richmond, are there so few African Americans in the groups or at conventions? Probably, because nothing that happens there means diddlysquat to them! I am fast beginning to understand why.

Sure, Atlanta, as she observed, has a lot of Black sisters, but does anything at a group meeting or convention, do one damned thing about their being shot in the back of the neck by a serial killer there? It's been a couple of years since I have seen those murders reported in our journals, but I have seen nothing done about resolving the situation. It could be, that its rather more vital to those sisters, however, than a vote or two on whatever committee appoints the next committee, to buy an expensive 'pride' banner.

Ask, why are you suddenly the homosexuals flavour of the month, invited to this and that?

Expediancys, thats why. International Lesbian & Gay Assoc, (ILGA), is their parallel with International Gender Transient Affinity, its a human rights group, publishing a bulletin, which last year informed that ALL leaders in the Slav civil war target an 'international gay conspiracy' to blame for all ills, the same way Hitler did for what he called 'international Jewery'.

The Slavs would all like USA in their war. Clinton, thus, saw it as expediant to make noises about gays in the services in order to dissuade the Slavs from pressuring him.

The gays, thus, needed a swelling of numbers at their march on Washington, and thats what YOU were there for; as the result of one expediancy feeding another, to swell their statistics, the exact same way that your ignored 3rd world Travesti sisters overnight become 'gay men', when murdered by the hit squads.

ILGA recently put forward a vote to include equal representation of TV/TS cases. This, is because a) Amnesty International though representing gay/lesbian cases now, is still not taking enough notice so the numbers need swelling again, and, b) because IGTA has kicked some arses in both organizations. It is because, they have to deal with us. They dont want to, but we have made sure that its expediant. In such dealings, IGTA has no intention of allowing what is US, WE, OURselves, the GT/TC/TV/TG/TS whatever, to become a second hand impersonation of political gays. We

SHALL take back what is ours, leave to them what IS theirs (what little there truly is) and with quiet self confidence and self respect, we shall assimilate them into us, not the other way around.

That can not hurt any 'community' that really is as tough as they claim themselves to be. If there is a culture in being gay, once we have back what is ours from it, whats left over should thrive and grow even stronger, logic dictates that.

Of course, if I am right, that homosex has nothing of its own, is empty, hollow and as unproductive as its sexuality, its no wonder they are S-scared of us!

IGTA is probably the most open organization in the world today, of any kind, let alone of a gender minority. We fairly and equaly represent any minority, not just sexual or gender, and we have on our network lists, at least one rep for everything. So IGTA is Not anti-Gay or Lesbian. What I write, is born of historical knowledge and practical world wide experience.

As director (UK) of operations for IGTA, in its imediate sector, I do have an axe to grind, against both the homo and the Tran 'community'. Both, are not yet as inclusive as we are!

In terms of the Tran world, - the free western world part of it, - this seems to be for sake of a lack of centre, of confident awareness. A lot of provado and rhetoric is put forward about that, but in practise, which is where it counts, the truth proves otherwise.

I read of a recent vote between three big USA groups, on control of the press at conferences, and I think, we have only been media victims for about six decades..why did it take that long?

I read of a vote, at the same event, to at last communicate with the rest of the world, in what you call 'outreach'. We didnt need a vote, or a special word for it, (much less a word that sounds like onamatpia for vomiting). Meeting the world is the most natural, first basic principal to a Gender Transient.

You appear to have been functioning much like the computors you all seem to love so much; following a set programme with no deviation to the peripheral or imaginative. That, is just Not Tran behaviour..you are strangling yourselves.

Now, overnight, you have leapt from the musty boardrooms of your conservative programmes, and gone from being business execs in frocks, to rabid, rampaging activism marchers with 'pride'!?

So why not take a tip from your own true grassroots natures and culture? Instead of swelling homo statistics, found your own events, not militristic marches, not glitzy city take-overs, but carnival and madi gras parades sponsoring charitys for needy causes, nothing directly to do with sex or gender, (like sycle-cell research for example). In that, you do what True Trans do, - set out to help heal the WHOLE world, with self respect. You also, swell your own numbers, and the gay/lesbians will then want to join you.

You wont ever raise their conscience to your needs, or gain equal support while what you are and do, does nothing to get them respectively, hard or wet. Sex, is all thats on their mind the same as their latent equivalents in the 'hetero' world. Only, by making yourselves indispensibly expediant in your own right, can you use this inclusive unity thing in anything like a positive way. Phyllis Frye is three-quarters RIGHT!

Perspective: California Dreamin'

by Shelley C.

It's a good thing to have all the props pulled out from under us occasionally. It gives us some sense of what is rock under our fee and what is sand.

- Madeleine L'Engle

The prime purpose of California Dreamin' is to help nice people like Angela and Shelley and to have a good time doing it. PPOC is proud to have them as members. Their intelligence, wit, and enthusiasm are welcome additions. Besides being in charge of the wives' program for Dreamin' 94 Shelley is also the newest member of the PPOC board of directors.

Sometimes I have to remind myself that it was only five short months ago I became acquainted with the transgender community. My life has changed so dramatically since that time, yet outwardly, to my friends and the people I work with, everything appears the same. Such a surreal feeling to experience the duality of existence—is this what crossdressers feel?

Fourteen years ago the props were pulled out from under me with the discovery of my husband's cross dressing. Quicksand appeared under my feet. I scrambled for solid ground with the tried and true, "Do

what you must, but don't involve me." That strategy bought me twelve (yes, twelve) years of ignorant bliss, after which I began, slowly, to deal with the issue.

Through a series of events, beginning with the viewing of a Jane Whitney show, my husband and I plugged into Tri-Ess and at the same time received information concerning the California Dreamin' convention in Burbank. A crossdressers' convention within driving distance of our home seemed too good an opportunity to pass (no pun intended) up. I sent in our registration, we arranged time off from work, and talked about it incessantly.

My husband took none of the physical trappings of his femme self, Angela, to the convention. He was going to be a spectator this time, he said. Next time he would participate. Worked for me—I had no idea what we were letting ourselves into. Checking into the hotel held the first clue that reality was taking a quick detour into the Twilight Zone when I was read as a man by the desk clerk. I could tell this was going to be a weekend to remember, one way or another.

Jane Ellen Fairfax was one of the first people I met in the registration room. My first encounter with a crossdresser other than my husband! I bent her ear for a good half hour with questions about the community. She will always hold a special place in my heart for her kindness and patience in answering my questions.

Friday lunch (we arrived mid-morning Friday) we found ourselves seated at the same table with Virginia Prince, Carol Beecroft, JoAnn Roberts, and Jane Ellen Fairfax. What a crash course in theories, history, and the politics of crossdressing. Falling off the turnip truck has seldom been such a delightful experience.

After lunch we attended several seminars, the most memorable of which was the couples' workshop given by Linda and Cynthia Phillips. Watching them together I knew what had been eluding me about this whole situation—the humor! I immediately relaxed and vowed to enjoy the heck out of whatever this experience decided to confront me with.

By late Friday afternoon my husband was feeling out of place in his "man clothes." So off to the vendors to purchase a wig, dress, jewelry, etc. During our shopping spree we had the wonderful experience of meeting Jim Bridges, and ended up scheduling a make-over the next day. Friday evening brought two more special people into our lives—Betsy and Arlene. While I was confiding to Betsy that it felt natural to be strolling down the halls of the Holiday Inn with my husband dressed as a woman, Arlene was walking those same halls with Angela attempting to calm jangling nerves.

Saturday came and with it the make-over. One of my dresses was borrowed (after all, one can't appear in an evening dress in the daytime) and the magical talent of Margo was put to work.

I will never forget the look on Angela's face when she first beheld Margo's handiwork in the mirror. Where before had been a handsome man, a beautiful, feminine redhead returned her incredulous gaze. Angela's feet did not touch the ground the rest of that day. She attended the Saturday evening banquet in a cloud of euphoria.

At the Sunday morning brunch we faced the daunting task of attempting to recognize the male side of all the new acquaintances we had met en femme. This led to some delightfully antic scenes of placing names and faces together. Unfortunately, the meal ended, and all too soon it was time to head home.

Does anyone ever leave such a convention dry-eyed? We certainly didn't. Our conversation during the entire drive home was non-stop as we attempted to sort through what the experience meant to us.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the people who put forth such incredible amounts of time and energy to make California Dreamin' such a rousing success. To pay them back in a small way, I have agreed to be in charge of the wives' program for the next Dreamin'. It is my hope that I will be able to provide someone else with the information and support that made such a difference in our lives.

What Do Wives Want?

by Frances Fairfax

What do wives want, anyhow? The "Wives' Bill of Rights" on the back cover of this issue gives some idea, but is by no means all-inclusive. In essence, what wives want from their gender-gifted mates merges into what all women wish they had in their relationships: Love, respect, consideration, emotional as well as physical support, and to be valued as human beings on an equal basis with men in the larger society.

Of course, "what women want" should be balanced by "what crossdressing men want." But it is really the same thing: Mutual respect, love, commitment, trust, and consideration. In all fairness, women can be just as selfish, uncaring, uncommunicative, and downright stubborn as their men. Again, what we are talking about is not so much "gender" issues but relationship issues, even human ethics issues, if you will.

Moving back into our gender focus, however, I'd like to address some matters that are particular issues for wives. Women far more than men, have their existence defined within a complex matrix of relationships: Family, church, school, work, and social organizations. The revelation that her husband is a crossdresser generates shockwaves throughout her matrix, shockwaves that threaten to shatter everything in her life.

The mutual trust that is the bedrock of a marital relationship is shattered by the revelation of "the secret." "If he has concealed this, what else has he not told me?" Can this trust be painfully rebuilt and the wife grow toward acceptance of crossdressing, under the looming specter of homosexuality and/or transsexuality. When his "gender expression" leads him to associate with those who embody his wife's worst fears? In an environment she would not care to enter in broad daylight? Among "good ol' boys in dresses" whose peer pressure has him behaving as he did when single? When his "little escalations" become tell-tale clues to co-workers and relatives?

These are some of the issues underlying the "Wives' Bill of Rights." Enumerating them as "rights" at least informs women (and their gender-gifted men) that options exist other than "the back of the gender community bus."

But, once informed of these rights, wives must act on them. In an earlier article, "Joining a Local Support Group," I attempted to set some guidelines. However, that article assumed that the wife reading it was at a level of acceptance where attending local meetings was being considered. All too often, we don't get even that far. We engage in classic denial behavior, from, "I don't want you to do it, period!" to, "I don't want to know about it, if and when you do it!" to "Yes, you may go out Saturday night, but I'll never, ever go with you!" to "He knows better than to go clubbing in that part of town!"

Sometimes our denial leads us to pick and nag about the hair and nails that are "a little too long," while ignoring the cancer eating away at the vitals of our relationship.

Our denial unfortunately denies us access to influence over our mates and their gender organizations. Too often, by refusing to accept his need for crossgender expression, we drive him toward what we fear most. By refusing to attend meetings with him, we essentially forfeit any voice in the philosophies and programs of his group. Show up, get acquainted, join up and speak up!

For the past five years Tri-Ess has accorded wives and partners full membership privileges. It is Tri-Ess that has proclaimed our needs no less important than crossdressers'. Tri-Ess's "family orientation" has given us S.P.I.C.E., the first and only conference to specifically address partners' needs. Tri-Ess has gone to bat for us, and has taken a certain amount of flak for doing so. It's up to us to avail ourselves of these resources, however. Let's participate, not hibernate! If we don't articulate our concerns, they'll go on being ignored. If we quietly nurse our wounds, privately mourn our losses, passively move to the back of the genderland bus, how can we expect anything to improve? Let's each of us encourage one another to step out of our own closets and speak up for ourselves, our children, our husbands, our relationships. Denial is a dead-end detour. Silence Equals Death. Let's network. Let's encourage our Tri-Ess leaders who are working on our behalf. Let's let our love for our mates and children win out over our fears. Love is the bottom line. Love, much more than "rights," is what we want.

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A Significant Other Speaks

by Dee Jay Smith

My husband is a transvestite. He shared this information with me before we were married. The first time I went out with him "dressed" I felt very awkward. I had previously only known him as a masculine, handsome, kind gentleman. I wasn t quite sure who this "individual" was; dressed as a female with legs shaved, face closely shaven, lipstick, fingernail polish, ruffles, ribbons and bows. "She" certainly was very different from the man I had been dating. She enjoyed silky, sensual clothes, sexy high heels, jewelry and makeup. It took well over an hour for the transition. She enjoyed herself so much that I had a hard time expressing my embarrassment/awkwardness while accompanying her. So, I didn't. None of our personal friends know about this. It is as if we enter another world when we go out. We frequent nice restaurants, bars and clubs, some straight, some lesbian. I have come to like some of his "unique" friends made through this network.

My biggest dread is that when we are out some evening we will bump into friends who will recognize me and I will have to introduce my partner. Or that one of our neighbors will appear as we are leaving in the car and want to stop to say hello. What would I do? I have thought about it a lot, and have come up with no satisfactory solution. I have many questions unanswered. Why is he like this? Nurture? Nature? Why are individuals of "different orientation" looked upon by society as "strange"? Homosexuals, lesbians, bisexuals, transvestites; why can't they be accepted as themselves? Why, indeed, do I feel as if I must hide this information? What would happen if some of my friends did find out? I tell myself that if they are real friends they will understand and accept... but I don't believe it for one minute. So, I don't risk the alienation that might follow.

I want to support my husband in his adventures because he gets so much enjoyment out of it. We go to many events where transvestites dress very elaborately and expensively and perform lip-sync to tapes of famous female entertainers. I am impressed with the style, sincerity and skill of these performances. Only if you are personally involved can you appreciate the time, money and effort that goes into finding clothes that are beautiful and appropriate, getting them to fit, learning makeup application and eventually, after getting up the nerve, performing in public. My hat is off to those who succeed.

I think he/she would appreciate it if I would dress as a man to escort her, but I draw the line there. I enjoy being a female too much to make that transition. On rare occasions, I have paid for our drinks, but I don't really like even doing that. I don't mind opening doors for "her" because I want "her" to know the nice feeling of being treated like a lady.

One of my worst evenings was when someone in a lesbian bar came up to us and said how great we both looked and that no one would know. He had assumed that I, too, was a crossdresser. That hurt! On occasion, my spouse travels for his company. He often carries with him an extra suitcase with "her" items. I know that he will look up a place to dress and entertain himself. Oops, I mean herself. I think she enjoys seeing if she can get picked up. She likes to dress in sexy little tights, short skirts, peek-a-boo lace and slinky slacks with long, flowing hair. I worry and wonder... if she got picked up, what would happen? I don't *think* they would land in bed, but I just don't now. It would upset me if they did.

There is a picture in our bedroom of my "female" husband in a wedding gown that I made. I know he enjoys wearing it, but I wish the picture weren't there. I don't want to have to explain it to any of his or my kids, but he has made it clear that he wants it there, so it stays. The one time that my daughter-in-law asked who she was I just said that it was a friend of my husbands and changed the subject. I wonder if she knows.

My husband is basically a very conservative person, but money is no object when it comes to his "female" self. While he frequents second-hand stores for much of his apparel, it is not unusual for him to order elaborate, beautiful and expensive clothes and jewelry from catalogs. Once he spent $100 for a wig when we were traveling together and we were planning to go out and he realized he had left his wig at home. He spends more on his female self than on his male self.

I'm not complaining. He is kind and generous with me and I love him dearly. I just question his priorities. But they are his priorities and he is entitled to them. When we go out together and he is dressed in a business suit, shirt and tie, I am the proudest woman around. I love dancing with him at wedding receptions and gala affairs when he is his male self. When we come home from one of our evenings out when he is dressed and he takes off the wig, feminine clothes, jewelry and make-up and crawls in bed with me it is wonderful to have my *man* back!

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It's A Small World

by Genita L.

This past June, my Significant Other, Lauren, and I went to our first overnight event in the transgendered community. We went to the Be All '94 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. We made many new friends and got to know our old friends a little better. It was a happening we will always cherish in our memories. We had a magical, enlightening five days and nights.

I'm a homebody, consider myself anti-social. I don't drink alcohol and I'm somewhat of a recluse, not to mention that I'm agoraphobic. (Lots of space and people sometimes brings on panic attacks.) I prefer staying in the safety of my own home with my seven cats. I am not transgendered. I am a genetic girl. My S.O., Lauren, is transgendered, and until he moved into my home, he didn't know too much about what transgendered was. Lauren had a lot of feelings about who he was, as I'm sure you all know, most of those opinions were wrong. It took a while for Lauren to be totally comfortable with herself. But for that story you must read issue 68 of *The Tapestry*, "My Soulmate is a Crossdresser."

We were so looking forward to the Pittsburgh trip. I was raised in West Virginia and I've only been back home once since 1974, so I was especially looking forward to meeting people from my home town, being back on the Ohio River.

We stayed at the Sheraton in Pittsburgh, in room 544. The room was beautiful. Naturally Lauren and I brought too many clothes, but it was wonderful to have a choice about what to wear and you also had many choices about what to do. There was never enough time to do everything. Time flew by so very fast.

The first night we had the luau party by the pool. Not only was it a beautiful indoor/outdoor pool; there was a hot tub at the pool-side. It was a very cool evening and only maybe 2 or 3 persons braved the pool. The big hit was the "hot tub," where I spent so much time, as did many of our sisters, that I looked like a cooked lobster. But since I've used a whirlpool for many years, I could handle it. The sign said only stay 10 minutes in the hot tub, but I don't think anyone was brave enough to tell us that 10 minutes was up!

I met many very nice "Girls," and I was always on the look-out for any from my home town. I met one person from West Virginia, Debbie. She was sort of shy and laid back, very nice but sort of looked lonely and lost sometimes. She didn't really want to talk about herself and was very cautious around strangers. She was always on the move, either coming or going. I really wanted to become her friend, as I wanted a West Virginia connection.

The second night was the River Boat Cruise on the 3 rivers. I could hardly wait as I have roots on down one of those rivers. I was also hoping to meet Debbie on the boat, as I knew she couldn't jump off the boat to escape me. She has that West Virginia accent that brings back many memories. And she looked so sad behind that smile of hers sometimes, and I wanted to help if I could.

Everyone was getting on the boat trying to decide whether to sit on the lower or the upper deck. At first we sat downstairs, then we moved upstairs. It seemed a little warmer upstairs. I saw Debbie standing alone and I invited her to sit with us. We had a wonderful meal on the boat and the music was great for dancing. I got some good pictures of the view from the river boat of the shoreline of Pittsburgh. Three River Stadium was so beautiful. Some of the architecture in Pittsburgh is just as impressive as some of the buildings in Boston.

Getting to know Debbie was one of those stories that you hear about that makes you realize just how small this earth of ours is. I knew she was from Charleston, West Virginia, my home town, and when I told her about the house I grew up in, that it is still owned by my family, a big Georgian Style house, that was standing during the Civil War, Debbie knew the house very well and the family. We talked more and knowing her last name, we discovered that we both have a cousin who is a famous artist. We discovered that we were distant cousins. It was really eerie, I had discovered a cousin who was a "sister."

Debbie has a very supportive wife who had been planning on coming to the Be All, but due to last minute changes at work was not able to attend. They had attended a Be All some years before, and going alone for 5 days was very scary for Debbie. She said she had considered not coming, rather than coming alone. But she was so happy that she had came. That would explain the reason that she was a little shy and sad sometimes. It would be real scary to come by yourself, without your other half along. A lot of the "girls" told me they would be so happy if they had the support of a good, understanding wife or lover.

Lauren, Genita, and Debbie at the wedding dinner, Be All '94.

Lauren and I have this sort of little joke that she likes to toss at me sometimes. Something about everyone from West Virginia all being related. Well, this was it, Lauren was at her happiest. I had found a "sister" from West Virginia, and we were cousins. I will never live it down!!! Debbie and I were so delighted we would have never known about each other if not for the Be All '94, and we have so much in common.

Debbie had another surprise for me concerning her job. She has been the mailman for my family for 3 years, at the house I grew up in. My aunt and Uncle live there and my Mother spends a lot of time there. Debbie knows more about my family than I do! I've always believed your mailman and your banker know more about you than anyone. I also found that she was staying in room 546, the room next door to our hotel room. We spent the rest of the convention becoming good friends. We sat together during meals and the evening entertainment.

Lauren, Debbie and I all had makeovers by the unique artists who worked at the convention. The makeovers were out of this world. I am not a makeup person, hardly ever wear foundation, and I never go have my hair fixed. I always do my own hair, actually I don't do anything to it except pin curl it. I was talked into having a makeover and actually looking at all the beautiful "WOMEN" that were all over the convention, I wondered if I could look as good as they did. Well, I looked so drop-dead gorgeous, I couldn't believe it was me. I had the makeover for the wedding they had for one of the couples at the event, and it was one wedding that I enjoyed and will never forget. Yes, it was a real wedding, a crossdressing couple got married. This was one wedding where not only was the bride beautiful, everyone else was, too. It turned out that Lauren and Debbie had both brought the same shade of blue lace, short dress for the wedding. I don't know about Debbie, but Lauren has more clothes than you can imagine, and for their dresses to be alike was so cool.

All through the days and nights in Pittsburgh with the beautiful loyal "sisters" of the transgendered community, I traveled... I put myself in some of their shoes and my heart went out to some of their heart-breaking problems. I related to these "sisters," as females. As the S.O. and wife to-be of a transgendered man, I can understand a lot of the stresses you go through.

The last day of the Be All '94, on Sunday, was a sad day. Debbie was driving back home and she stopped by our room early, already packed, with car waiting. She stopped by to say good-bye. I couldn't believe it, Debbie was a man—that was all I could see. But to Lauren and me, Debbie is Debbie, we love her and we are keeping in touch.

Then we went down to the last meal and everyone was dressed to go home. It was the eeriest thing I've ever seen. Most of the females I had spent five days with were gone. Lauren and I were just the same, as Lauren lives as a female most of the time. Everyone knew who we were and gave us hugs and kisses good-bye. But we hardly knew anyone. It WAS SO strange, I had just spent 5 days and nights with a convention of men who I considered my sisters in truth. I had spent five days doing female things, talking secrets, baring my soul at times, confiding in a man things you only tell your girl friends, but it was great. I was treated with respect, and I was given support when I needed it. There was no difference in our sexes. We were all sisters of the transgendered. And I love you all. You realize that life is short on earth and we must always try to be ourselves, whenever possible. It is hard to stand up for your beliefs, but there is so much strength in our community that we shall endure.

I would not have wanted to miss the Be All '94 in Pittsburgh. It will always be one of the great events of my life. Thank you for being there.

The Issue of Trust

A Significant Other's View

by Julie Freeman

When I attend conferences or meetings where significant others meet, the issue of trust is usually discussed. Some wives do not really have a problem with trust. They understand why they were not told about their husband's crossdressing: The fear of being rejected, the belief that it would go away, etc. Some crossdressers, not understanding the phenomenon themselves, believe the less said, the better.

Other wives, however, have much more difficulty trying to understand why they were not told prior to the relationship becoming serious. Being able to trust their partners is very important to them, and they wonder if there are other issues they are unaware of. There seems to be no easy answer as to how to help both the crossdresser and his significant other resolve the issue of trust.

The crossdresser has to convince his partner that there was a reason for his being reticent, that this does not mean he is incapable of being trusted in the future. The significant other needs to try to understand why her partner was hesitant, and allow him the opportunity of proving he can be trusted again.

Most crossdressers I have met are upstanding members of society. Many hold excellent jobs and provide well for their families. Such individuals certainly are trustworthy, not the opposite. To help demonstrate their trustworthiness, crossdressers should keep the lines of communication open. Borrowing clothes or makeup without the partner's knowledge, or buying clothes on the "QT" are not exactly inspiring modes of behavior.

Certainly a crossdresser starting electrolysis or hormones without his partner's knowledge is going to drive a wedge between them that may be impossible to dislodge. As difficult as it may be for the crossdresser, particularly one who has just come out of the closet, and is experiencing a normal "high" as he realizes he is not alone. He may need to bend over backwards in meeting his partner's needs while she learns about crossdressing and put his own needs on the back burner for awhile.

Giving his wife books and other materials about gender issues is a positive step. Participating in activities for couples may help her learn and understand that crossdressing need not be a negative in her life. Progress at her rate and keep the line of communication open. This may mean reducing the crossdressing activity for awhile because that is what she wants. But if it helps her gain confidence again in the relationship and helps her to accept crossdressing, then by all means, do it. Regaining her trust is what it is all about!

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A Day in the Life of a CD

Are We Just Guys in Gowns?

by Helene H.

It is Saturday night at the hotel; the high point of the weekend. The guests have reserved their best dresses for this special evening. Everyone is sitting around the banquet tables where they have been served an elaborate meal. As the waiters clear away the last utensils, the hostess appears in front of the curtain with a microphone in one hand. She makes her introductions,tries to make a few wisecracks which don't quite make it, and then offers this joke.

It seems the President and his wife were invited to attend the opening baseball game in his home town. His Honor the Mayor rises to announce that the President will throw out the first pitch. There is an unexpected disturbance in the crowd as a number of spectators rush to where the White House Lady is seated and lay rude hands on her, trying to remove her from her seat. But they are restrained from doing this by the forces of Law. When all is quiet again, they apologize explaining that they thought the mayor said for them to, "Throw out the first bitch!"

Some laughter goes through the crowd, but not a great deal as it is not a very good joke at all. I report on this rather commonplace incident because one facet of it is far from commonplace. This is a crowd of Cross Dressers. There are a number of born females present, but everybody else has done their level best to look as feminine as possible. Some of them actually attest to having a woman inside them, or at the least having feminine feelings.

The joke echoes the feelings that many men have against women who try to compete in the outside world. The men express these insecurities in various ways, usually cloaked in the form of a joke like the one just reported. "We made a mistake giving them the vote!" they say sometimes. Visit any one of your neighborhood bars on a Friday evening. Some male, emboldened by a consumption of alcoholic beverages, will invariably voice some anti-female sentiment. For a long time, many of these places refused to admit women at all so men could voice their prejudices freely, if not bravely. Ideas like: "Woman's Place Is In The Home," which I cannot refrain from ungrammatically capitalizing here because men enshrine it almost as reverently as if it came from the Bible.

But what bothers me is why a Cross Dresser would enjoy such a joke rather than shake her head in disgust that anyone would tell a joke of that kind to such a crowd. Perhaps I am wrong. Perhaps under many of those expensive evening gowns there really is a man with the sentiments of what feminists call a male chauvinist. A man who carries in his mind the baggage of a society that rates women as lower on the social scale than men and that pays them less than it pays men for doing the same work.

The Transsexual Engineer I met in Texas last winter who informed her employer that she was changing her sex found that her employer was perfectly agreeable about keeping her on his staff except that he paid her 30% less for the same job she previously filled. I am certain that the engineer would not have laughed at the joke. Her response might have been quite different.

I invite a Cross Dresser and her supportive wife to lunch. After the meal is over, I initiate the usual motions involved in cleaning up. The wife offers to help, but I tell her to sit and enjoy a day away from kitchen chores. Her husband, relaxed in my recliner, is in on this little play but does not offer to help. He is satisfied that help was offered and that lets him out of any further involvement. What does he have under that very nice dress? I also learn that he was out of work until very recently and that she worked two jobs to keep the household going as well as handling all the household duties. He is carrying over into his present marriage the attitudes he developed growing up at home. He will tell you that he feels deprived that he cannot wear his feminine clothes as often as he would like. He would also enjoy wearing a nightgown to bed and possibly have sex with his wife as a woman. He is more than anxious to change his sex but not his ideas about women in general. What is he but a guy in a dress?

A recent article in *Tapestry* describes a difficulty a small group of transsexuals had at the 18th Annual Michigan Womyn's Music Festival. It seems that despite the fact that they were doing good work there they were asked to leave. They were unwelcome when it was discovered that they were not women from birth. I was very indignant when I read the article as were many other readers. How many of those readers of that magazine who objected to the treatment given these Transsexuals were sitting around the banquet table that night? How could anyone explain the attitude of these guys who had dresses on? If we cannot find sympathy for women among Cross Dressers, where can we expect to find it? Certainly not in the smoky interior of the local barroom. The only difference between the two locales was the fact that at the hotel all the guys wore dresses, but the attitude toward women was exactly the same.

How are we ever going to get sympathy and support from other groups who are in the fight against prejudice, whether of sex, religion or color of skin? We get a sense of false euphoria when we are at these affairs where as many as 300 attend. We seem to forget that our numbers are minuscule. It is all well and good to encourage members to participate in campaigns to influence lawmakers, but just how many thousand votes do you think we could count on from a group that is basically still in the closet? It behooves us to exhibit the best face we can before the public at all times, not to tell rotten jokes at the expense of the largest minority in the world namely, women. Let us get straight on which side we are with. For too many of us, it is time to reeducate ourselves.

I received a letter from a Cross Dresser who lives not far from me who says he would like to meet me. As there are very few of us where we live, I answer right away and enclose my phone number. I hear from him before the week is out. He sounds nice. He tells me all about himself so

I invite him to come over. In fact, he is free that very evening. I propose dinner and suggest that he pick up a bottle of wine, but he refuses rather abruptly. I hear his car in my driveway and greet him at the door. He stinks of beer; I can smell it on him even when he is six feet away. He has a little case in his hand with his props in it and asks if he could change into his femme stuff. I show him where and wait for him to join me. He looks kind of cute; a little on the plump side, but rather feminine. He is very happy and relaxed, but we do not talk much and after a short hour he looks at his watch and says he has to go. I do not hear from him at all until the same time a month later when he calls and asks whether he can come over that same evening. But this time I tell him he can't come and not to call me again as I was not happy with his visit.

He doesn't understand my attitude at all. He doesn't see that he had to cater to his male side before he came to see me by lifting more than a couple with the "boys" to assure himself of his masculinity before he came to see me where he exhibited the rudest manners possible, completely overlooking the fact that I was trying to be as feminine as I could. He never sent me a note of thanks, showing a lack of appreciation that he was invited to a private home and permitted to dress without fear or criticism. Deep in the closet as he was, he could never invite me to his home. In other words, despite the fact that he had changed his clothes, he behaved in every way like a guy who took women for granted, a guy with bad manners as well. It is not for me to criticize his attitudes providing he does not insinuate himself into my home with the pretence that he has a "woman inside of him"!

I see these male attitudes too often at affairs run exclusively for Cross Dressers. Instead of wearing a dress some of these so-called sisters should have a bear skin on. It is more understandable coming from some insecure guy who has money troubles or has had a fight with his wife. People throw all kinds of stuff at one another during a family argument. But from a Cross Dresser in an evening gown at a weekend party to approve of such jokes escapes my comprehension.

I would even go so far as to consider them enemies in our ranks. Suppose sisters with such ideas achieve real power, like being at the top of a large corporation, or even a government agency. Isn't it possible they could use this power to hurt Transsexuals by exposing them and cause them to lose their livelihood? You say that is impossible? J . Edgar Hoover did it. I am quite sure he has the list of *Tapestry* subscribers in his computer and he was a Gay Crossdresser all his life. His close friend Roy Cohen persecuted Gays in the government during the McCarthy investigations and was gay himself at the same time. In Spain, at the time the Jews were ordered out of the country unless they converted to Christianity the worst persecutors of the Jews were other Jews who had already converted. In Madrid, the person in charge of the Inquisition was a converted Jew.

So, sisters, if you can sit down at a table with a bunch of CDs and give voice to the usual stock of false generalizations about women that males have been uttering for too many years, you don't have a woman inside of you, you are simply a guy through and through, a guy in a dress!!

Once again, I have permitted myself to get excited about some subject that is dear to me. Some of my readers will say to themselves, "There goes Helene off the deep edge again!" I don't mind, because even if you disagree with me you can never be the same again. You will never be able to say careless things without some hesitation. You will remember it for a long time and be a more thoughtful person. Anyway, that expression, "off the deep edge" is pretty dumb since the edge is always at the top not the bottom. So you can start reforming yourself by refraining from that expression too! I know I spent a lot of time being very serious, but honestly, sisters, it is a hell of a lot more important to get your brain straight than your lipstick.

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She

by Selena Anne Shepard

One day *She* appeared, maybe emerged is the word. *She* came veiled, dressed in white. *She* gave no clues as to who *She* was, or why *She* was bringing me such pleasure, and before I could ask her, *She* vanished, leaving me confused, angry and wondering if *She* was a blessing or a curse.

I loved her, I hated her. *She* was my mother. *She* was my sister. *She* was the cute little girl who I was so afraid to say "Hi" to. *She* was my idealized feminine being, awakening my pubescent body to sensuality, sexuality and beyond. *She* helped me to forget the BS of being a boy: the fights over whether I was safe or out, the hiding of my tears from my friends, the continual striving to be the best math student or fastest runner or class clown.

She arrived on slow days, summer days. *She* could be so flaky, coming and going many times in one day and then abandoning me for weeks at a time. *She* was my secret, that I wanted desperately to reveal to my family and friends, yet I knew none of them would understand.

She caressed me late at night, telling me tales of love and passion. *She* made me feel light, happy, playful. More often than not, I loved her as a boy to a girl, but sometimes I yearned to take on her identity. I wanted to feel soft and tender. I desired to shed my masculine shell and delve into her feminine world.

This was just a flight of fantasy until one lonely and wishful evening - while rummaging through the attic of my house - I discovered an antique chest that I'd never seen before. Opening it only a crack, I felt as if *She* were drawing me inside her - yet *She* was nowhere to be found. The sight of her white satin dress and silky stockings and lace petticoat beckoned me. I reached out to stroke these beautiful garments. While a voice in my head warned me that I was exploring dangerous, forbidden territory, I slipped into the dress, and rolled the stockings up my legs. At first the sensation was strange, foreign, not right, but soon I experienced intense feelings of joy. I conjured up images of lying in her arms, her perfect touch performing the dance of love all over my feminized body. Suddenly, life was wonderful without her presence, but this ecstatic state was short-lived - the all-too-real climax of this dream play left me terrified that someone might catch me out of gender, a sin of the highest magnitude in a macho world.

I swore I had dressed up in her clothes for the first and last time. But as the time between her visits grew longer, and my need to journey beyond the limitations of being a boy became greater, I found myself indulging more and more in the frills and fanciful fashions labeled "for women only." With each venture into this other world, *She* left me something new to wear: a merry widow to hourglass my figure one day, spiked heels to please my feet the next day, a flowing gown to excite all of me the following day.

Though *She* had taken away her touch, the replacement was almost as satisfying - at times more thrilling and delightfully unpredictable. Her physical presence was disappearing, but her clothes helped me to create Selena Anne, an imaginative, intriguing, cocky "girl" who makes life worth living. Selena and I have been performing the Transgend-dance for over 25 years now, and learning new steps each time we tango.

Selena is the author of the creative collection, Pregnant Muse, a man/woman labor of trans-love, a bit of playful whimsy betwixt and between the lines of gender, a radical statement of non(or multiple)-identity, an act of defience against either/or, an adjective and a noun, a to-may-to and a to-mah-to, a girlish guy kind of thing (or vice versa), and whatever you want to make of it. All for $3.33 to SAS-SY PRODUCTIONS, P.O. Box 5112, Lakespur, CA 9497.

A Little Bit of Our History

An Interview with LEE BREWSTER

by Abby Sayppen

photography by Marriette Pathy Allen

Lee Brewster

I first met Lee Brewster in the early eighties visiting his store on Tenth Avenue in New York City. I remember being so scared that my hands were trembling. I had never acknowledged my crossdressing to another living soul. Lee recognized my nervousness and took a very comfortable, casual attitude saying, "Look around as much as you want and let me know whether you need any help." Lee is part social worker, part rebel, part martyr, and part business person. His stores (there are two now) are institutions in New York where almost everyone who wants information about crossdressing is referred. Lee, in turn, will refer people to the organizations that can help them. He does this quietly, matter-of-factly, without thinking about the service that he is rendering.

Lee began the Queens Liberation Front before Stonewall. His was the first organization to lobby for changes in the way government deals with crossdressing. His work has set the stage for all of us.

I interviewed Lee with the able assistance of Mariette Pathy Allen who also did the photography.

ABBY: Have you seen a change in the way people operate? Are they more comfortable now compared to when you first went into business?

LEE: No, I haven't, but, again, I don't work in sales with the people as much as I used to. But I observe I prefer the uptown store. There is, even when the store was uptown I could stand at a distance and see that they're nervous, that's when I had the books and the clothes together, I was a little afraid of separating it because the nervous TV for some reason would be more comfortable looking at the books. They were aware of everything that was going on around them, and I could see that, but I don't get that feeling here because it's so big and spread out.

They would go to the books, and then they'd gradually work over to the clothes. It was easier to ask about the clothes. Or they got the feel for the other customers and saw how they handled it.

ABBY: What was it like twenty-five years ago for transgendered people?

LEE: I'm going to age myself, huh? I was sort of unique.

ABBY: You were.

LEE: I was either rather naive or didn't let things bother me that much, and I think that's how most people did it. You just had to have the guts to go out and do it and take your chances with it. It was illegal. I removed it from the books, I can't remember what year, I removed it from the books here in New York City.

ABBY: How did that happen?

LEE: Well, I was pre-Stonewall. I was with the Mattachine Society, the first gay organization in the country.

ABBY: I never knew that.

LEE: I was an officer and their major fundraiser, I kept it from going under, which is documented in their newsletters, with drag balls and parties. They were very conservative, pushing the masculine macho image. Any other image was negative.

I ran into this queen, one of the queens that was hanging out at the Stonewall—her name was Barbarella. I didn't realize how young she was, but I got a call or a letter requesting that we help her—she was in the service, the army. She had been arrested by the Military Police, they were going to kick her out of the service. They were going to dishonorably discharge her.

She got in under age by lying it turned out. She was only 17 years old. She was one of the early transsexuals and had breast augmentation surgery. Barbarella was her name. She was being charged with mutilating government property. After raising all the money for the Mattachine Society, I thought it would be a perfect test case because of the circumstances and publicity involved. Jane Fonda's movie *Barbarella* was a big movie at that point. The army was having an lot of trouble with soldiers deserting. Remember that era, Vietnam.

The army was getting a lot of bad publicity, and I said this is a great angle. But the Mattachine Society didn't want to touch it. They didn't want to use the money that I had raised from drag, drag balls, drag social activities, to help. It was the only thing I ever asked them to do, and I don't like people to say no to me, But I thought it was right, I really did. So I took it on myself, and I ended up getting her honorably discharged. I called up the base, my voice was very good over the phone.

MARIETTE: You had this wonderful, seductive voice.

LEE: Well, they, I was playing up to the male switchboard operators, and I was trying to get through, and I gave them the person who was in, whatever it was. What do they call those in the service? The commandant!

LEE: And I can wrap a straight man around my little finger at that point. And they were so helpful. They put me right through to the commandant to discuss it. I had sent telegrams that I'm bringing the press. I said, "I can see the headlines now. Barbarella discharged for mutilating government property." Of course, they read all that, and they just discharged her honorably.

ABBY: Then you could say that, even at that time, twenty-five years ago, there was still a split between the gay and transgendered community.

Lee
part *social worker,* part *rebel,* part *martyr,* part *business person*

LEE: Oh, even from the beginning.

ABBY: Would you say it's more so today?

LEE: It's not any better.

ABBY: It's the same?

LEE: I thought it was getting better until this last year.

ABBY: The split between the gay community and the transgender community? Wasn't crossdressing illegal twenty-five years ago, and didn't New York City have an ordinance against crossdressing.

LEE: New York City did not have an ordinance per se, but they had enough stuff on the books that they could use against you. I gave a drag ball, and had to get a license. This was my fundraising activity. I was still with Mattachine at that point. That was before Stonewall. The gay movement was around, but they hadn't gotten any laws changed or started anything, just doing a lot of talking. I was the first one to have something removed from the books of New York City, and I did it twice using the same method. I was not comfortable lying. I had to buy the license in order to rent the ballroom at the hotel, and there was a statement that said, in order for them to grant this license, you would not allow men in women's attire on the premises.

MARIETTE: Oh, my goodness.

ABBY: New York City had that?

LEE: New York City, the administrative code. I gave them an argument that said the law is not being enforced and that everybody thinks that the city is taking graft and if you're not going to enforce it, there's no reason for you to keep it on the books. And they took it off. Then later on I started Queens Liberation. There was another law on the books.

ABBY: Tenth Avenue, Queens Liberation front.

LEE: 445 Tenth Ave. I walked by there not long ago, I used to have fifty, sixty people in that little room, and I thought how did I get them in there. The building didn't look any wider than this (indicates the size of his office).

That was one of the goals that I set, to remove the laws on the books that said a homosexual, lesbian, or person pretending to be one would not be allowed on a licensed premises. What I was trying to do was to take away any cloud bit by bit. As long as laws like these were on the books, I couldn't do that and they could use them as the reason for telling me I couldn't use the premises.

ABBY: Describe the original Stonewall bar. Was it primarily a drag bar or was it a mixed bar?

LEE: I never went there. Mattachine was the only organization of its kind and they, the queens, came to us to organize all this stuff, the parade later, the new gay groups, even the militants came to Mattachine and used their offices.

ABBY: So you split off from Mattachine, and formed the Queens Liberation?

LEE: Uh huh.

ABBY: Was that before Stonewall or after?

LEE: I can't say. I know October 31 is not accurate because we decided to tie it to Halloween, so our anniversary is October 31. But I know I worked on it prior. But I do know that I was still with Mattachine Society when the Barbarella incident came up and that was before Stonewall. I also picketed a Broadway play, *A Patriot for Me*, because they wouldn't use female impersonators when they were called for. That was before Stonewall.

ABBY: So essentially there was no organization that would support the transgender community prior to the time --

LEE: The only one that I know that was around was Virginia Prince, and Virginia Prince was in no mood to hear from me at that point.

ABBY: What was Virginia Prince like at that time?

LEE: The same. Actually, I think she mellowed. But she's also not actively proselytizing anymore, so that would also give the appearance of mellowing too. She's not on the bandwagon selling her ideas. When one is involved in that, that's what one does, just take a stand. She refused to cooperate with me. The Queens Liberation front wasn't interested in educating. I was only interested in the law, and I kept it in that direction.

ABBY: Did she find it difficult because your organization also didn't discriminate between gays and cross-dressers?

LEE: She did the same thing the gays were doing, and the poor drag queen was in the middle it seems. In fact, I have an editorial that Vicky illustrated. Vicky was the art director of *Drag Magazine*. Virginia hated Vicky after that. Vicky got a little carried away and created a great caricature of Virginia. It was called "He's Not Heavy, He's My Brother." It was published in *Drag*.

The cover of that issue was a portrait of me that became my trademark.

This is a picture of the first gay parade with me in it. The article tells about when they tried to get me arrested, they didn't want me to show up. I've always felt that the TV movement, the gay movement should -- if they wish to discriminate, that's fine. I don't like when they say it's okay to discriminate against him, but don't discriminate against me. I'm better than he is. And the movement people, it bothers me when they try to gain their rights on the backs of someone else.

ABBY: From your perspective then, there's been no real change politically in the sense of the organizations that exist being so far apart and --

LEE: They're not closer together now that this Stonewall thing came out of the clear blue sky this year.

ABBY: Stonewall 25.

LEE: Again, they're trying to sell the gay lifestyle by throwing the drag, using the drag queen as a scapegoat and denying it.

ABBY: How do they express that? I mean, in what ways did they express that?

LEE: Well, they did not wish to have us there, first of all. And I'm very prominent within the gay community. There's a gay bar downstairs. We get their mail accidentally. We're on the same mailing lists normally. But the Stonewall material excluded us, even requesting ads and donations. The only gay organization that had included us was the Gay Policemen. I got two personal invitations from the commissioner, the Police Commissioner, to attend the gay celebrations by his department. The only one.

ABBY: So when did you --

LEE: They wanted to make it invisible. They wanted drag to be invisible.

ABBY: They felt that drag, cross-dressing, some people might call it today --

LEE: Well, drag is the clothes. It's a generic term.

ABBY: Drag actually stands from something, right?

LEE: Not that I know of.

ABBY: Yeah, it does, it does. D-R-A-G, it's an acronym for DRessed as A Girl.

MARIETTE: Oh?

ABBY: And I can't remember what it is, but I remember it being --

LEE: I think it came about because in Elizabethan times the actors were men, their clothes had all those trains and they dragged across the stage.

ABBY: When did your first issue of *Drag* come out?

LEE: '69. Somewhere around then. I remember it was in the fall. There we go. Vicky did this two years ago. I wish I had that issue. You'd all get a kick out of the editorial.

MARIETTE: Is there a picture of Virginia?

LEE: No, but there's that caricature I mentioned before. We've got a faggot in a courtroom situation, testifying that drag queens are offensive, and we have Virginia pointing her finger at the queen, and the gay character pointing a finger at the queen, and I think it's called *He's Not Heavy, He's My Brother*, and they're all saying, "We're better than you."

ABBY: If I remember correctly, in those days if you were in a gay bar, the police used to come about 2:30 in the morning and pick up their bag of cash to keep the bar open because it was illegal. And after Stonewall --

LEE: Stonewall was a Mafia-owned place. Most of them were. I am somewhat annoyed that these gay historians are rewriting history. Martin Duberman's now saying that the drag queens had nothing to do with it. Makes you question history, doesn't it, if this is how it's done.

I mean, it's been well documented over the years, that the queens did it, started it, and I think that -- you asked the question why is it important? Why is it important for the queens to say we were there at Stonewall and created the modern movement? We are the effeminates, we were the ones, we should have been afraid. And this butch, masculine image, who was doing the fighting? The queens.

It was like the gays wanting to point out the prominent military people. It's the same thing. It's pride. It's important. It says, "Hey, we contributed. Don't deny it." And as I said when I left the gay movement, I said, "Screw gay liberation. I can't take all this any more. We gave you your Pride, now don't start telling me I can't do this and can't do that."

ABBY: Do you remember some of the details of what happened there that created the problem?

LEE: Well, the police came in to raid—my friend Bebe knows more details than I do because she knows a lot of the queens that have repeated to her what actually went on. It was basically a black and Hispanic bar. It could have been any of these drag queens out here today that bother me so much and make me feel very guilty at times when I get upset about them parading around down there.

But in the bar you don't touch them, you don't, you know—and one person objected and someone else objected and it started. (Lee takes out another issue of *Drag* magazine.) And as I was reading in one of these, probably a political statement, it sounds like something we would have said. (Lee points to a picture.)

ABBY: That was Barbarella?

LEE: Yes, that was Barbarella. That's the one that—that's the Barbarella that mutilated government property. I cried when we saw this. I didn't even distribute the first issue. I think I had her somewhere lecturing with us at NYU also. And when I lectured, we didn't do the one-on-one. I tried to take a variety of cross-dressers. We had homosexual crossdresser, heterosexual crossdresser, transsexual, and I played the drag queen because I hadn't quite figured out how to identify myself. But I didn't fit any of the other categories. Which worked because people could see the difference. We didn't have to say I'm better. I mean, even visually, the way we dressed, acted, spoke showed the difference.

ABBY: So, if I was to ask you how you became an activist, it would be because you refused to lie?

LEE: Well, more or less, but I've got to really explain why I'm an activist. I have to go back to the fact that I came from Appalachia, West Virginia, a little town of 300 people. The coal mining industry was plummeting at that point, and West Virginia's one of those states that will probably always be poor because they have to export their talent. They educate the kids, and anybody that wants to be anything has to leave. And the only way to get out of there at that time for me was to get a government job. And I was 17 years old, I got out of high school, and I got a job with the FBI in Washington, D.C., which is twenty-five years or thirty something years later, I got a little revenge recently. You know the scandal about J. Edgar Hoover being in drag. He was the head of the FBI then. I was right out of a little town of 300 people, so I didn't really go wild, but I was exploring myself. I knew what I wanted. Up until that point I didn't know anything existed. I didn't even know what a transvestite was until I came to New York in 1961.

I picked up this or allowed myself to be picked up by this navy lieutenant in front of the Washington Monument, and we went somewhere in Maryland, he drove me, and we were parked just kissing, and cops came up. We had parked up out of the way, and the cops came up and arrested us. And even though we hadn't done anything, I pleaded guilty. I knew I would have if they hadn't caught me, I was very honest.

I went back to work on Monday and told them I got arrested. I was supposed to do that. They brought me my coat, I couldn't even go get it, and barred me on the spot. I came to New York about six months later. I was living with my brothers and my uncle, and I was so embarrassed I couldn't stay around any more. I was only 17 or 18 at the time. I just turned 18. I was still saying I was 18. In fact, when the policeman asked me how old I was, I said 17. I was still saying 17, and the navy lieutenant said, "Oh, shit. And here I am with a minor on top of it." I corrected it, but it was true. I remember, "Oh shit," he said. I don't know what he did or anything, but the FBI followed me to New York City, and they told me that if I moved, I had to report to them, and I did until I said, "Hey, wait a minute. They can't do this to me." That's when I had heard about the Mattachine society and I got actively involved. My brother was a preacher, and they tithe, 10 percent of his salary. I gave 10 percent of my salary to the Mattachine society.

MARIETTE: And did you find another job in New York?

LEE: It was hard. Even then I had to learn to lie. They told me, the policeman did, that they realized that it was just on my record. I came and got a job, and I realized that they were going to fingerprint me. I knew it was going to come up because the FBI finger-printed me and I felt bad because I had answered the question, "Have you ever been arrested?" I said, "No," but I called them and told them I'd been arrested and they said, "Don't come in." Now I had $100 in my pocket, that's all I came with. In fact, to get part of that $100, I sold my winter coat to my brother. I didn't even have a coat until January. I mean, I had to fight.

ABBY: Survival.

LEE: But I sprang back. I said, "They can't do this to me."

ABBY: How do you see your role in the community today?

LEE: How do I see it? I guess, I don't mean this to sound egotistical, I've almost become a legend.

LEE: This was the original picture, (Lee points to a painting hanging on the wall). Vicky did that one. They did the ad from it. (The ad says, "Turn your Boyself into your Girlself.") I was one of the first to publicly make people up until all the prostitutes got in the business. I would only do it once, I would only do it if you had not been made up before. I tried to keep it that way.

ABBY: And that's you in the ad?

LEE: Yes, that was before and that was after. It sold that service like crazy.

ABBY: I bet. That was in the 70's already, right?

LEE: That was in the early 70's. So I have down-played myself for so long that people didn't really know me and they still don't know me. And I have often had people ask "Is there really a Lee Brewster?" They've gotten to the point they think that I'm, it's just a name, but they all feel they should know it or be aware of it.

ABBY: I want to finish one question for the past, and the question is, if you had it all to do over again, how would you do it? Would you do it differently or would you do it the same?

LEE: I would do it. Those are, as you could see, are very happy memories. At the time they were very painful which is interesting. When I read that IFGE and all these other groups were upset that the Stonewall was excluding them, I smiled. I don't quite know, I mean, it wasn't a revengeful, it was a warm smile because I said they finally heard what I was trying to say. And they're experiencing what I had to do out there all alone.

I mean the FPE people, Virginia wouldn't have anything to do with my political involvement. I used to scare then to death, what I was doing. I had no guidelines, I didn't have assistance. They wouldn't come and work with me. I had support from the New England and the Connecticut TV groups, but they were scared that Virginia was going to find out and excommunicate them.

In fact, they were at a party of mine one weekend when there was a drag ball in New York, and they came to my party on Friday night and the drag ball on Saturday night. And guess who shows up at the drag ball? Virginia Prince.

They were all panicky, and they were very supportive of me to a point. In fact, Charlie P. was one of the original founders of the Fantasia Fair. You may not understand why I got so angry at them. I gave them my mailing list and to play this arrogant game of not apologizing to keep me happy you know, my reputation is very important to me and I did not like being painted. But Ariadne could have corrected it herself, and that would have resolved all of it.
I gave them my mailing list of 6,000, I think it was at that time. I helped them get started and didn't ask for anything in return. I've sent people to them, and they would leave me and not come back.

The Fantasia Fair, the New England group of people, and they would somehow seem to turn them against

me because of my inclusive ways. Recently I saw Charlie P. He, Ariadne K., and Charlie M. started the Fantasia Fair. And he had told me then, Lee, you were twenty years ahead of everybody with this, and he's right or he turned out to be right, I should say. And what I was doing, they're just starting.

MARIETTE: The inclusive aspect.

LEE: And even the inclusive.

MARIETTE: That's sweeping the community right now.

LEE: But even politically what I was requesting is being done now,they didn't want to have anything to do with it. So that's why I smiled. But it's, I never understood how they communicated that they shouldn't deal with Lee and his organization. But Charlie told me, he met Virginia, he knew her, he had dinner with her, because they all spoke highly of me, but how are they communicating that you don't continue this relationship. And then he said at dinner with Virginia, that she said, "I understand you're a Lee Brewster girl," which doesn't say anything, but it adds a certain amount of you shouldn't do that. They were excommunicating anybody that was known to be a homosexual transvestite at that point, would not have anything to do with them. I knew that was behind it, but I didn't know how they communicated all that. But they did keep a lot of people from supporting me.

ABBY: I want to get into a little commercial for you. Tell me about the size range and the merchandise that you carry, like what's your size range in dresses, in nightgowns, shoes?

LEE: I really am not interested in promoting the commercial aspect, but I've been told we have more of everything than anybody else combined.

ABBY: Mariette, one of the pictures you should take is the back room with its thousands of pairs of shoes.

LEE: That's my years of hard work.

ABBY: What other customers do you have besides the people in the transgender?

LEE: Actually, all of my customers are related to the community—I don't solicit business off the street—everybody that comes here that is not involved in the community comes through a friend who is. Even our movie work comes from the gay clientele that we get that are involved in the arts, and they've been very supportive. They've saved us at times when the TVs stop dressing during the summer, the theater is getting ready for the fall season, and so it's been very welcome. Plus it adds a certain amount of respectability.

And speaking of my prices, they are shoppers. They wouldn't come here if I were overcharging. They're professional shoppers, and the Spielberg movie watched their dollars very carefully.

ABBY: That's the new movie with Patrick Swayze playing a drag queen. Do you do a large business with the gay community?

LEE: Well, it's a seasonal business. My basic bread and butter customer is still the TV.

ABBY: I have a couple of things I just want to close with. The questions are, what suggestions do you have for the community today, and where do you think we're headed, and how do you think we should get there?

LEE: I think I more or less discussed a lot of that with the inclusiveness. I don't think they're community-minded. They are only interested—well, of course, they're the most organized. They're interested in dealing with the heterosexual transvestite community, and they do communicate that to people on the outside. And I feel they're only interested in dealing with the rich or the highly educated professionals. Not everybody is a professional or has money.

I can understand those organizations need money, but I'm not saying that they should get involved with the street prostitute and stuff like that. I'm just saying they should be more inclusive, and when they offer services, social services are very important. I used to give parties years ago. I referred to them as group therapy sessions with alcohol. And I feel that they should make it clear that you don't have to be dressed to attend. They don't make that point. Not every transvestite is able to dress, but he needs to be around people that are like him.

ABBY: That's an interesting insight.

LEE: At the parties people would say, "That's not a transvestite, he's not dressed. Why are all these men here?" I said, "What do you want to bet he's wearing pantyhose or stockings underneath that suit?" They don't include those people. They allow them to stay in their closet.

I assume the straight transvestite's a little afraid of the sexuality that

might happen, but I didn't have any problems with it. You let people know the guidelines, they follow it. I know I hadn't done parties for years when Miss Joyce Dewhurst was doing parties for a long time, and she had that back room. I didn't allow that. People met and had sex, but I never allowed it on the premises. And when I started giving parties again, they found the kitchen in the place I was having it, and I went in and stopped it. Once. That's all I had to do it.

I didn't allow drugs. Because once I set the guidelines, the TVs let them know if they saw it starting. Of course, I couldn't help what went on, you know, in a private bathroom or something, if they went in there together or something, but I did not approve. I'm not providing an orgy, I'm giving a party. Take it somewhere else to play. I don't care what you do as long as you do what's accepted in the general public. Somehow they get, it's very free.

ABBY: Well, alcohol and drugs does that.

LEE: But you also need the alcohol to relax some. To get them talking. I remember at one of my parties, Mariette was there one evening, and it was going okay. Somehow I must have told her how I judge a party, whether it's successful or not. And she came up to me and she said, I listened the sound of the room. And she said to me, "Is this the sound that you listen for?" And I said, "Uh huh." You can tell, it takes care of itself. If it changes, you can manipulate it. And I remember that it was very crowded that night, and you said, "Is this the sound?" I said, "Uh huh."

ABBY: What words of advice would you give someone who's not quite out, who's sitting on a fence?

LEE: I'm not sure I know where you're headed with that. I'll take it as how to be happy, adjust and be happy. I find transvestites, and I've told them this over the years, try to analyze why they are like this. Stop asking. There's nothing you can do about it, so just go out and enjoy it. Try not to break a law, don't go into a ladies' room unless you have to, and then when you do go in, just get your business over and get out. Don't stand around and try to help some woman with her bra. You're going to get in trouble.

Just accept yourself and not worry about it because no one's been able to cure it. Adjust to it.

ABBY: I thank you very much. My side, my part of the work is done.

LEE: I had a five year plan, and I achieved within five years everything that I had set out to do. The boutique was the last thing I was going to do. Now I did my service to the community.

ABBY: You're still doing it.

LEE: I am. I mean, you know how many doors I opened? I had to fight, take the *Village Voice* to court to take the ad.

MARIETTE: To do what?

LEE: Take the *Village Voice* to court to take the ad for this business.

MARIETTE: Really?

LEE: And a lot of things. I've had, I've been turned down by insurance companies. My insurance has been cancelled. But every little thing I do in business does change something, even the suppliers. Now they come to me. They wouldn't even let us in the Vanity Fair showroom because—somehow I got listed in Dun & Bradstreet and said I was publisher of *Drag Magazine,* and it took years before I got them to take that out. And, you know, they looked at these credit references.

MARIETTE: Do you things are going to start getting better and better?

LEE: I don't know. I'm a little nervous about this turnaround with Stonewall, I really am. The gays have been changing, but they're pushing that image again that drag is negative. And they were very good with it this year, they were very effective with it.

I remember in the gay parade, I think it was the last parade I marched in. I carried a fan Vicky made me and I had wanted to put on sort of an anti-march. I was a little angry at them because the lesbian feminists had tried to bar us from the parade the previous year. They were very, very pushy back then. And I carried a sign, "I'm just a stereotype, but I'm also proud." That ended up all over the world in the press.

MARIETTE: That's wonderful.

LEE: And I sat there that year and watched them go to the press, the gay movement people, requesting that they not interview me for drag. And you know it hurt? So I left the movement basically because it did hurt me. I had the gays saying I wasn't good enough for them. I had transvestite, straight transvestites excluding me. I mean, I had very few people, I had Vicky with me. I had Kay Gibbons, who helped me start all this. She was a public relations person. But I didn't have the support of all those other groups. Everybody was saying no. Now there are more people, but it was like pounding my head, and I couldn't take it any more. It hurts to be constantly fighting. It's not healthy. And I got angry and bitter. I didn't want to talk about it. I couldn't talk about it without being very bitter.

MARIETTE: Do you feel less bitter now?

LEE: I'm still bitter toward some of the groups. I'm less, I think. In fact, to give you an example of where I was, Sherry was working for me about a year or so ago, and I thought I was getting over it. Somehow I had gotten a message that Ariadne came,

was wanting to come by and say hello or something. I was all ready for it. I thought, you know, I said, "Well, it's about time." But when the actual contact was made, I couldn't go through with it. So the bitterness is still there, the anger.

This year all this problem with the drag sort of brought the bitterness back again. But it also brought a lot of my militant energy back and made me want to get out and do something.

ABBY: Well, I miss your parties.

LEE: I had a mixed crowd, and that's all I --

ABBY: That was my first experience with crossdressing, the parties. I didn't go dressed. I was one of those who never went dressed.

LEE: I had a very mixed crowd. People have often said that they liked my parties better than what others tried to do, and I never could figure out what it was other than the people that I did attract and the fact that it was such a variety. I still feel that by showing everybody the different types is better than saying I'm better.

We were in New Orleans with my tour, I did that first too. In fact, I was going to do Provincetown before anyone else, we were discussing that on the tour in New Orleans, the year that they came up with. I said, well, there goes our idea.

We were in a hotel one year, and next door to my room they put a fraternity from Louisiana State. I had this friend, Ronnie Rogers. He was very friendly. And that same year the leather boys checked in the hotel, and were down at the end of the hall, and the fraternity was there. They had their girls and the parties and everything, and they were very curious. I'm sure they were saying, what the hell did we get involved in here, drag queens and leather boys? Of course, they didn't think they were leather boys. What's worse than leather boys? Hell's Angels is what they thought they were.

And I came in one evening, and I was in bed and I heard Ronnie coming in, and they were all out in the hallway, the fraternity was, and she said, "Hiya, boys. What's the matter?" And everyone started complaining about the people in the room, how they had locked them out. And she said, "Don't worry about it, I'll come out and straighten this out for you." And she came in, took her clothes off, put her coat back on, and went back out in the hallway. And I says, mmmm, this sounds like fun.

So I was still in drag. I put my eyelashes back on. I didn't go anywhere without my eyelashes. So we went out, we started talking to them. One of the leather boys got off the elevator, and they said, "Aren't you afraid with them?" I said, "No, they're just, you know, they're homosexuals, they're this and they're that." He says, "Really?" I said, "Yes, and there's all types of homosexuals." And every time I would try to describe a different type of homosexual, one would come off the elevator, the image of what I was trying to describe. And it was so funny.

Of course, they were having a lot of fun with us, and the people that wouldn't let them in the room decided to come out. Then we were invited into the room, and we continued talking until the wee hours of the morning, and there was only one of them that was rude to us. We became their celebrities after that.

But years later I was down there, and I heard someone say, "Lee, Lee." And you know how movies when they have these crowd scenes and they're sort of fuzzy and they focus to the very point? And I saw this face coming at me as if the crowd was being, you know, he was coming in focus. He said, "You don't know who I am, do you?" I said, "No." He said, "We were with the fraternity next door to you five years ago." They knew our names, they asked how this person was, and he said, "I'm the one that was rude to you. I was having problems, and you helped us so much." They were accusing him of being a homosexual or something it turned out.

MARIETTE: Oh, my God.

LEE: And five years later he remembered. I didn't even know what he looked like. But coming from that crowd and they remembered every one of us, how he was asking about them. So we were making an impact. Even with *Drag Magazine*, we made more of an impact than I realized.

ABBY: I remember buying it on the newsstand. I was amazed to find it.

LEE: People were living through us at that point. I knew they liked it and they liked us, but I didn't know how important it was.

ABBY: What was *Drag Magazine's* print run?

LEE: We did 3,500, but we reprinted some of the earlier issues. So we got

more distributed than Mafia did in twenty stores. Isn't that amazing?

ABBY: It is amazing.

LEE: And I remember there's this documentary movie that recorded the whole scene when I threw my temper tantrum and almost created a riot in the park when the lesbian feminists brought an anti-drag statement on the Gay Pride Parade. And Sylvia Rivera at that time had been a little uncomfortable for me too, but they used her. Sylvia was gay liberation.

When you read in the paper that some gay person had turned the police car over which, you know, she was their energy. They would manipulate her, and then they'd stick her in the background when it came time to talk to the press. She was the one who led that alternate parade this year and they ended up carrying Sylvia off the stage, and me, the crowd was parting for me to get up to the stage. And I got up on the stage, and Bebe was up there too as part of the committee. And Bebe sees me come and says, "Oh, no." I'm sure she thought, "Another friend of mine's going to embarrass me again today." But she stood beside me, she got up and grabbed the other side of the banner. It's a big long stage. And Bebe and I started marching towards the front, and Jean O'Leary was her name, and the crowd started cheering.

She thought they were cheering her speech. Then she turned around and saw us, she threw her pad down and stormed off the stage, and I just walked right to the microphone. And Vito Russo said it was one of the most powerful gay liberation speeches he had ever heard.

MARIETTE: Was that recorded?

LEE: Yes It's in this movie *Queer Blue Light*, showing every stay in my corset, because—bad angle. And my too tight dress.

ABBY: This is back at Stonewall time?

LEE: No, this was about five years or so later, and that's when I left the movement. I threw my banner in the crowd and said, you know, I told them we gave you gay pride. "How dare you let this person read this statement?" And Vito Russo came over, you probably know the name, came over to me and whispered, he said, "Lee, please, look out there, they're rioting. They started fighting."

And I looked out, because I didn't want that, and that's when I abruptly stopped the speech and threw the banner in the crowd and said, "Goodbye. Goodbye my sometime friends. Screw gay liberation." And I threw the -- and they ended the movie with that, the banner floating into the crowd and they froze it. And then Bette Midler came out and sang "Friends." I made her famous.

MARIETTE: What happened to the banner?

LEE: Someone was there that was with me, a friend brought it to me. I think I still have it in storage somewhere, but it was—but it hurt. And now I get very angry on gay pride day. I still do.

In Search of My Soul

by Marcie M.

This is my attempt at writing what I suppose is a form of confession and explanation. In recent years I have more and more found myself searching inward for the source of my feelings and for the essence of my spirit. For most of my life I held part of myself back, in secret, from my family and the rest of my world. I felt I was protecting those who I care for from a side of my personality they would have found disturbing. As I have grown older, I have become sure that what I perceived as a character flaw was mainly disturbing in my own perception. As I gained the courage to more fully explore my feelings, the act of concealing part of myself became the greater sin. When secrets are kept from one's family and friends and later discovered, it is not the secret that is devastating. It is the act of concealment itself that breeds feelings of betrayal and distrust. I hope as I relate my story that you can understand why I have concealed part of my soul from my family for so long. I never intended to hurt those I love, and I hope that I am not doing so now.

My secret has been closely guarded all my life. For years, the only person I confided in was my wife. I was very lucky in finding my life's partner in my youth, and that she has always been my best friend. I told her about my secret side in the first year of our marriage, but it is only in the last few years that I have found the strength to try to explain myself to others. There seems to be no easy explanation, and I must admit that even now I do not fully understand myself. Just the mechanics of confessing are difficult.

Last New Year's Eve I struggled to tell one of my oldest male friends, a shipmate for many years. It was very late, and we were sharing a nightcap, our wives had long since given up on us and our sea stories. We had not seen each other for several years, and he was intrigued by the length of my hair. When we sailed the seas together in our younger days we were like brothers, and no subject was too personal (except one, which I kept hidden so deep it never rose!). I took a few deep breaths and blurted out, "I'm a crossdresser."

He said, "What the hell does that mean?" After asking him why he never watched Phil Donahue or Sally Jessy Raphael, I forced myself to try to think, to try to articulate and make sense of the frustration I was feeling, to try to put into words the flood of feelings, of confusion, of searching to make sense of the way I have felt different all my life.

Transvestite! I guess I first heard the word when my father spit it out at me after my mother discovered I had been wearing her clothing. I was about 12 or 13 years old at the time. The guilt I felt was not enough to keep me from running to the dictionary. "Transvestite - one who derives pleasure from dressing in the clothing of the opposite sex." That is close, but I think one line in the dictionary describing a very narrow view is lacking in depth. Not much information or knowledge, but that is all I had to go on until I was over thirty years old. That dictionary definition and my own feelings.

Like many young men of my generation I spent much of my youth trying to prove something to myself and my peers. I do not remember any particular feeling of inadequate masculinity. At that time, in my world, we had never even heard the term macho. I did keep secret my occasional experiments at dressing in my mother's clothes, but do not remember having any particular feeling about it, other than that it was pleasant. I followed the path taken by most of my friends in trying to prove our manhood. I played varsity football, and boxed (took punches well), skied, and did my best to be one of the guys. I was lucky to find some good part time jobs in High School which led to leadership positions. I was a hard worker and always liked by my employers. By graduation from school I was foreman of a painting crew in the winter, and Bos'n, or foreman of the deck hands, on a coastal passenger ferryboat in the summer. The Bos'n's job led to Military Academy and eventually a seagoing officer's career.

My wife and I were married while I was still at the Academy. Both our parents helped us so that I could complete school and graduate. I still feel, very deeply, my debt to them. I wanted to prove their faith in me, and pushed my career as fast and far as possible. I spent many months at sea without vacation, and it was over 14 months after graduation before I first returned home to my family. I worshipped my wife and loved my daughter, but I felt I was proving myself for them too.

The build-up for the Vietnam War began, and I volunteered for the ships running ammunition from the States to Saigon, Da Nang, Qui Nhon, and Camranh Bay. The ships were old wrecks from the boneyard, and promotion came fast for ambitious young officers. I was running my own department by my 25th birthday. In 1968, during the Tet Offensive, my ship was mined by Viet Cong divers. We were lucky that the damage was confined to the engine room and did not disturb the 10,000 tons of high explosives in the holds. In the heat of the moment, survival had been my only concern. It was later, in the lonely nightwatches under the stars of the vast Pacific sky that I began to question where my life was leading. Even then I cannot remember my desires to crossdress being a concern or factor in my soul searching about my life.

I wanted to spend more time with my wife and my children. My close brush with eternity brought me up short about how I had been pushing myself and neglecting my family. I vowed to try to be a better husband and father. When we paid off in the states I transferred to the run to Africa. I did not leave the sea, but I began taking every bit of time off that I could squeeze out of the company.

I guess I have digressed from my original purpose, but it is hard for me to separate my life into compartments. My desires to crossdress were with me as long as I can remember into my childhood. I believe I began experimenting with wearing my mother's clothing just before puberty. As I have said, I cannot remember a lot of anxiety about it in my youth. My parents did discover what I was doing and I remember feeling terrible embarrassment. I knew they were upset with me, but there was no violent reaction from them. I think they hoped it was something I would outgrow. I never did outgrow my fascination with feminine clothing, but I learned to hide it so no one would ever suspect.

I believe that my wife being my close friend and confidant made the great difference in my life that saved me from a lot of guilt and tumult. She shared my secret, but for years, like me, she had no idea of any cause for my feelings. We felt happy with each other. Our love life was fulfilling, at least when we managed to find time together. I was never attracted to other women, except to admire their clothes. I was never attracted to men, and did not feel any homosexual leaning. I lived most of my life in a masculine world of ships, where sexual conquest was looked upon as a mark of success. I always got along well with the guys I sailed with, but always felt a constant sense of being different, especially in the way I viewed women.

My crossdressing desires did not seem to create a problem in my professional life. I just put it out of mind while I was sailing. I guess my job helped with that too, I was young and inexperienced in a very demanding job with great responsibility. I put in very long hours and had little leisure time. At home I experimented with crossdressing on a low-key level. I was very careful to keep it concealed from my three children. My wife tolerated my tentative attempts to find outlets for my feelings. For a long time this involved just experimenting with a few silky items of lingerie. But, I had enjoyed dressing up fully in my mother's clothing as a kid, and more and more I felt that this was what I wanted to do. I pushed my wife a little, into helping me find clothes and experimenting with makeup. I felt the need to be out among people when dressed, and made some furtive and sad forays. I was not even close to passable, and now started to feel embarrassment and guilt after these sorry adventures. As we reached our thirty-something years we made a major change in lifestyle. My low seniority on the job resulted in most of my vacation time being taken in the winter. We took up skiing as a family, and we moved from the suburbs of Boston to an old hill farm in New Hampshire. We had no intention of becoming farmers, and thought we were just finding a new home. The old place must have bewitched us though, as within a few years we found ourselves sharing it with a growing throng of livestock.

The limited time I had due to working in a profession which kept me overseas for more than half the year, coupled with the seasonal demands of the farm began to cause me to feel severe frustration. I wanted very much to continue experimenting with crossdressing. I knew a little more about transvestites now. There were a few courageous people willing to expose their secret in hope of spreading better understanding of men who crossdress. I discovered Virginia Prince quite by accident, being interviewed on a late night talk show. I wrote to her and subscribed to *Transvestia* magazine. I was interested to learn more, but kept telling myself that I had my life under control.

There were photos of early Tri-Ess support group meetings in *Transvestia*, but they always seemed to be in distant parts of the country. I would look at them tell myself, "I don't need them, I'm handling my situation just fine," and then I would tell my wife I would not want to become involved in what "looked like a sewing circle." If I was handling things "Just fine" I guess no one knew it but me.

Our farming endeavors were putting heavy demands on my time. The frustration I felt at not being able to dress up was becoming more noticeable to my family. My wife by this time recognized that my irritable and often irrational behavior was directly related to my desires to crossdress. She did try to help me find a few clothes and experiment with makeup. This in itself was new for her, in that she had never used much makeup. I ventured out in public alone and furtively, never with any purpose, always feeling great guilt and embarrassment afterward. My children were getting older and it was harder to conceal my activities. I began to push my wife into coming out in public with me. She was trying to be a friend and I think that she maybe rationalized what we were doing as OK if it "got it out of my system" for a while. I was asking her to chauffeur me about, and we began even doing farm errands. She would conduct the business while I hid furtively in the truck. We were feeling our way along, and I was very grateful to her for helping me find some outlet for my frustration. At the same time I felt guilt and self-loathing at pushing her into a situation she obviously felt very uncomfortable with.

In the late 1970s an incident occurred that finally pushed me in the direction I should have taken long before. We made a TV shopping expedition to a rural area of Vermont to pick up Maple Sugaring supplies. On the way home, at a small shopping center, I was clearly read by a group of local Yahoos. We were pursued across the parking lot with taunts and insults. When their pursuit continued by following us on the road in two pickup trucks, an embarrassing situation became very frightening. Thankfully, they tired of the chase quickly, but I was badly shaken up. The guilt I felt at having exposed my wife to this experience was unfathomable. I apologized to her again and again, and even though she said everything was OK, I felt she was badly upset. I vowed never to have anything to do with crossdressing again, and began what I now know was a purge.

My pledge of abstinence lasted about a year. As time went by I began to feel more and more anxiety and frustration. I knew that often times I was being unfair and overbearing to my wife and children, but felt helpless to control my moods. My behavior began to carry over into my work. I had always adopted a very tough style of managing people. During the war many of the crews had been from the dregs of the waterfront, and I had subscribed to the old saying, "Yea though I walk through the valley of death I will fear no evil, because I'm the meanest SOB in the valley." I had been thrust into my job very young and did not know any other management style. As I became more frustrated at home, I became very short with my men and found myself losing my temper quite often. I was back at sea when I happened to pick up a several month old copy of *Playboy Magazine*. In it was an article on Fantasia Fair in Provincetown, Massachusetts. The author had attended the Fair and even claimed to have taken part in crossdressing. I was fascinated. This

was a world that I had not known existed! I reread the article countless times, and wrote down the phone number and address for Ariadne Kane and the Outreach Institute.

When I returned home from sea I told my wife that my self-imposed vow of abstaining from crossdressing was not working. I told her about the *Playboy* article, and that I intended to contact Ariadne Kane. My intentions were purely self-centered, in that I wanted to continue experimenting with crossdressing, but only if I could do so without embarrassment. At that time I knew none of the vocabulary unique to the gender community, but I simply wanted to pass. In our original telephone conversation that is what I told Ariadne. I was looking for technical advice to put on a better appearance. Ariadne informed my that New England had a Boston-based support group, the Tiffany Club, where I could find the help I was seeking. She gave me the phone number and I made a further call, the one that would change my life.

I contacted Merissa Sherrill Lynn, and again was very matter of fact as to what I was seeking. I told her that I wanted to find out if I was foolish in thinking it was possible to pass as a woman. I was looking for advice with makeup, wigs, and clothing styles so I could avoid any repetition of the experience in Vermont. Merissa said there were people associated with the club who could help me with those things, and she went on to describe the support and friendship the Tiffany Club could provide. I guess I listened to that with only half an ear, "Yeah, yeah, but is the makeup artist going to be there next Saturday?"

"Yes." I made an appointment to meet Merissa at the infamous phone booth, on Saturday evening. Then I sat down with my wife and tried to draw out how she felt about this entire idea. She thought I was doing the right thing, but was not enthusiastic about being involved herself. I asked her to come with me, saying that everything I had done up to now had been with her knowledge. I asked her to give it a try, and to my great relief she agreed.

The first-meeting was initially a strange experience. A clandestine meeting at a phone booth in a parking lot. A very large person in jeans and a sweatshirt drove up in a battered Datsun. A brief conversation in the car about which I remember very little, except Merissa assuring me that my facial bone structure was fine. For what? Perhaps a cannibal pot? We followed the tired worn out Datsun down dark streets and I saw my wife look at me. I knew we had the same thoughts, "What were we getting into?" At least we were familiar with this area of the western suburbs of Boston, as we were surprisingly near the home where I had spent most of my childhood. The Tiffany Club was located in a small rented house, most notable for its ugly wallpaper.

We were early and no members had yet shown up for the evening, but we met Ginny and Patricia, the residents who were sharing the house. Merissa began telling us about the Club, its purpose and intent, and a little of the history of how she had arrived here. Members began to arrive and we were introduced to Elizabeth Warburton, a very attractive member who helped Merissa with art work for the *Tapestry,* the magazine they were developing. My wife has an artistic background and she and Elizabeth were soon chatting amiably. I was asked if I would like to dress. "Wow, would I!" A small group of ladies arrived including a woman who sold and styled wigs, and a young gal who was a makeup artist. I was treated to the fantastic experience of having my wig styled and my makeup done by a professional. I was floating on cloud nine, and hoped no one noticed my constantly checking myself out in any available mirror. The rest of the evening passed pleasantly, Merissa got her guitar out and much to my delight played up all the old sing-along tunes we remembered from our college days and beach parties, and fireside songfests on ski trips. My wife was really having a great time, and I was elated when Elizabeth came over and told me that I looked very nice.

In between the songs and my secret glances into the mirror, my new education was beginning. Merissa talked with me for a while stressing the importance of friendship and support, and saying that passing was more than a matter of technical expertise with wigs or makeup, it had more to do with your sense of self. Confidence and a good sense of self-worth were the essence of passing. With these the ability with makeup, clothes, and hair will come. She called it having a "Quentin Quisp" attitude. This had taken me aback as the reference was to a show which had recently aired on PBS television about Quentin Quisp, a British homosexual who had pioneered the attitude that Gay people had a right to live their lives openly and with pride. One of the things that I had ready on the tip of my tongue that evening was to assure anyone who might ask that I most certainly was not Gay. No one asked. It would be a long time before I fully realized it did not matter. My education was beginning, my horizon broadening, my soul awakening.

I joined the Tiffany Club that night, but my level of participation grew very gradually over many years. I continued in my seagoing career which kept me away from home over six months of the year. My family continued with our farming endeavors as my children became very much involved with youth activities. For the first few years my wife and I tried to attend the special functions and parties held once a month at the Tiffany Club. We participated in the functions held when I was home in the cooler months of the year. In the summer

the farm demanded my attention and I also told myself that dressing in the summer was impractical and too much trouble. Today, there is nothing I love better than a pretty summer sundress.

Occasionally on weekdays when I had some slack time from the farm I would visit Merissa. I would always offer to help with whatever project she had at hand, but it was really just an excuse to dress. During these visits, though, Merissa and I would talk, and I became aware of much of the pain she had felt in her life. She would talk of her dreams, for herself, for the Tiffany Club and for the "Community." I guess most of the time I was still looking in the mirror, but I listened too. I watched her tolerance and love for all sorts of people with differing ideas, styles, and philosophies. I saw her open and trusting with people where I would have been suspicious and guarded. I witnessed much disappointment and pain she suffered at the hands of many of these people. I also watched Merissa and an entire movement grow.

As I came and went in my strange three months here and three months gone life, I saw more and more people coming into the fold of the "Community." Sometimes I felt like an outsider looking in, frustrated that my work prevented my becoming more involved.

I was growing and learning, even though for a long time I did not realize it. I began to take some of Merissa's principles to heart. I began to convince myself that it was far more important to have faith in "What you were" rather than dwelling on "What you were not." I began to realize that I did not have to rely on a facade of macho bluster and masculine charm to get along in the world. In my professional life I began to develop my own management style. This in itself was a unique idea in the hidebound paramilitary industry where I worked. I tried to be fair and even-handed with my crews, and was pleasantly surprised when the results were very good. My men repaid me with a loyalty I'd never experienced, and excellent job performances. I guess part of this process was really just maturing. My personal life was delivering me plenty of hard knocks, and they were also chipping away my rough edges. My crossdressing began also to change. I sought out the help of many people in my original goal of becoming more passable. I had started out thinking I was looking for technical advice. What I was lucky to find were people willing to like me and offer me the encouragement and support I needed to find value in myself. I found through these caring people the strength to be confident in myself, and to walk in the world with pride. I discovered the inner strength that I had been denying. I learned to accept myself, and was gratified to discover that other people, especially those I love, could accept me too.

I started out trying to find shoes that fit and the right way to apply blush. I wound up discovering my soul.

Southern Comfort '94

by Mystie

Hot-Lanta and Southern Comfort!!!

What could be more fun?? Well, how about: A three day convention with 115 hours of seminars covering just about every topic of interest to the Gender Community; amicable caring staff and attendees; unbelievable club tours; delicious food; exceptional banquet entertainment; a comfortable facility; beautiful weather and an all star list of vendors. And THAT was just the beginning.

This would be my fourth Southern Comfort Conference. I had really enjoyed my involvement the last three years and when the initial announcement came last January, I started to make plans to attend again. I contacted Mary, my travel agent, and found that Denver Atlanta tickets were $440. GOLLY! I gave Mary my dates of travel and around June she called with a "super deal," that had come down on the wire, that Brand X had cut the fare to less than $200. United matched it, for a couple of days, and there I was, ticketed to Hot-Lanta!!

I left Denver on a beautiful late September Tuesday morning, went through the pink cloud at about 10,000 feet, mentally shifted into my femself and dreamed my way to Atlanta. After arriving, I picked up my rental car and drove over to my hometown in Alabama to see the changes and get my "relative ticket" punched for a visit. While there, I greatly over stuffed myself with southern pork Bar-B-Q and Brunswick Stew. For those of you who are unfamiliar with Brunswick Stew, it is delicious, but it does appear, to some northern folks, to have been "pre-chewed." After completing my "mandatory" trip, I headed back east to Atlanta and arrived at Southern Comfort late Wednesday afternoon, just in time to attend the early-arrivals-social-and-going-out-for-dinner party.

Since its inception, Southern Comfort has been located in the Dunwoody area of northeast Atlanta at the Dunwoody Ramada Conference Center. It is easy to reach from the airport, by automobile and MARTA, the Atlanta light rail system. The rooms are unpretentious, clean, comfortable and reasonably priced at $59 including breakfast. The Ramada's food is excellent and presented well. The conference facilities are well arranged, equipped and very "Comfort"-able. The Polo Lounge has entertainment every night and is a friendly, relaxed and cozy bar. The local barflies and resident drunks are accustomed to the T Community and make us feel at home and very welcome. Every year they appear to grow older, but, thanks to makeup (?), we appear the same as last year.

The Ramada Dunwoody meets the PRIMARY requirement of ANY T convention facility: There is a full length, floor-to-ceiling mirror along one wall of the Polo Lounge and at all the elevator landings. The hotel is very large and hosts other straight (read ordinary) groups and individuals during Southern Comfort. This year, a group called "Concerned Presbyterians" was meeting there over our weekend and, I think, they may have left with more concerns than they brought.

Southern Comfort was started by Jerry Montgomery and the Montgomery Institute primarily as a Trans-Sexual event that because of its location drew from the southeast and eastern seaboard. However, after a tremendously successful inaugural event, its reputation, and draw, quickly went countrywide. Crossdressers began to attend in larger and larger numbers which enabled the convention to grow both financially and in appeal. In the last four years it has grown into the largest totally Transgendered Convention in the world. Southern Comfort attendees range from a number of tall, thin ladies with model-like figures, dressed in jeans, blouses and flats with light makeup, who are extremely careful to act very feminine and do not to try to capture any space (M-F/TS); to a number of short, stocky men with moustaches, goatees or beards, rosy cherub like cheeks, dressed in jeans, vests and boots who are extremely careful to act very masculine and to try hard to capture space (F-M/TS). Sandwiched between these two groups is a large number of beautifully dressed, intensely made up, dazzlingly bejeweled, stiletto shoed, tightly corseted and meticulously coiffured CDs. Throughout the convention these groups melt into a homogenous amalgam of friendship, sharing and bonding. They explore gender issues together and share stories that are both unique and common to all.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday were filled with four tracks of seminars for TS, TG, CD, and SO. A welcomed addition to the Southern Comfort Program Guide, which should be emulated by other conventions, was an alphabetical listing and a short description of all the seminars. There were 74 seminars listed and a number of these were presented several times throughout the conference. Your plate was definitely full, no matter what interests you had. Topics included: How to do "T" and how to improve "T"; how to make "T" better for you and your family; how to handle "T" and handle yourself; how to look at "T" from your friends' and employers' point of view; things to do to make "T" look better physically; how physicians and surgeons convert you to "T"; hormones and drugs to help them, and you, convert you to "T"; communication and speaking as "T"; dealing, coping, discovering, balancing, protecting, supporting and liberating "T". (Insert "S", "V" or "G" after "T" as appropriate to you and yours.)

Dr. Sandra Cole presented a series of seminars throughout the convention on becoming your own person, developing that person, looking at that person with objectivity and allowing that person to interact with others that you care for. If you have never experienced meeting Dr. Cole, or heard one of her programs, I definitely recommend that you make every attempt to do so soon. She is truly a friend of our community and a wonderfully insightful person.

Dr. Michel Seghers, of Brussels, Belgium, who is a renowned sex reassignment surgeon was available throughout the convention. He presented a number of excellent and graphic seminars covering SRS and the surgical techniques for physical reassignment.

Lunch was part of the program on all three days. Thursday night an extra cost dinner was available in one of two upscale Atlanta restaurants, with transportation provided. Both Friday and Saturday nights' banquets were included in the basic fee. The food was consistently excellent throughout the event! It was among the best that I have ever had without having to salute the flag or pray over it beforehand. Friday's entertainment was a superb talent show hosted by the Drama Queens. The premiere act was a rendition of "Me and My Shadow" by Marilyn (SO) and Jennifer (CD) from Mississippi. Saturday's gala dinner entertainment featured Never-Never Land's "Mister Sister," Wendy Parker, with a fantastic one (wo)man show. She was followed by the magnificent voices of the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus.

When the sun goes down, Atlanta wakes up. Southern Comfort provided bus transportation to several of the "hot" clubs in the city on all three nights. Saturday night included a tour through the "straight" clubs in the upscale Buckhead area led by Linda Buten. The Otherside, a large, classy, clean sophisticated club catering to a mixed crowd that is primarily lesbian was well attended. Backstreet is Atlanta's largest gay bar, with a 24-

hour license. With three floors and an excellent XXX-rated cabaret and drag show it was the favorite of all. However, The Chamber was the most unusual and best attended club. It is a very large, wonderfully decorated warehouse-type building that pumps up its dance and music entertainment value with a theatrical S&M/B&D theme with erotic fetish performances by staff members. The music is loud, heavy beat, good and continuous. To say that the "entertainment" was unusual, would be a vast understatement. The crowd is a mixture of straight, gay, TG and fetish. We fit right in!!

The Gender Vendors are the main outside support of any convention. Southern Comfort has consistently attracted the top names in the business and adds a number of local vendors that support the community. Among those attending that advertise on a national scale were: Fashion Fantasy of Manassas, Virginia who carry a full line of clothing and accessories; the first lady of Shoe-dom, Ann West, owner of Shoe Express, Lafayette, Louisiana, displayed a wonderful selection of ladies' shoes in men's sizes; Jim Bridges brought his nationally renowned makeup talent, a large selection of every accessory that you have ever thought that you needed, along with Anthony and Monica Pedone to help with wigs, transformations and advice. A couple of notable local area vendors that did wonderful things with design fabrication and alterations of clothing were Charles Josef Design of Charlotte, North Carolina and Traditional Fashions from Jacksonville, Florida.

Jane Ellen and Francis Fairfax staffed the Tri-Ess booth display and were spreading the word on the organization. Linda Peacock efficiently handled the SO program and provided information on SPICE, the Spouses Partners International Conference for Education. IFGE was represented by Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Yvonne Cook-Riley, Holly Cross, Stacey Toon and Linda Buten. IFGE's display included the wide variety of publications now handled by the IFGE bookstore. If you have not looked over this interesting and excellent selection of gender and gender-related titles, do yourself a favor and look them over soon.

The Southern Comfort Co-Chairpersons, Divinity and Sabrina Marcus, the staff and workers should be extremely proud of their work this year. It was a fabulous time! Truly, not only the largest, but THE BEST totally open Transgendered Convention in the world, which welcomes ALL of our T'd sisters and brothers. Next year Southern Comfort will be in the mid-town area of Atlanta at the Holiday Inn. The attendance this year was 291. Next year, lets get it over 300! YOU SHOULD MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND - NOW!!!

With remorse, I left Atlanta early Sunday evening and chased the sun all the way back to Colorado. As we started our decent, and began the approach to Denver, I came back to reality and literally went back through the pink cloud which was the magnificent Rocky Mountain sunset. It was a beautiful Colorado sight, but Atlanta is Atlanta and Atlanta IS "Comfort." Southern Comfort had, AGAIN, lived up to the reputation of its liquid namesake - smooth and easy, wonderful ambience, interestingly different, laid back, not for "ordinary" people and NO hangover.

Moonlight in Manhatten

photography by Mariette Pathy Allen

Save the dates of April 20 to 23rd, 1995 for **MOONLIGHT IN MANHATTAN!** The 1995 Moonlight in Manhattan will probably go down in history as the social and shopping event of the decade. Sponsored by the Greater New York Gender Alliance and presented by S. Kristine James, CMP, GNYGA board member, there are many exciting events planned.

PREMIER EVENT

For the out-and-about crowd a premier pre-event is planned on Thursday, April 20, 1995. At 6 PM a limited number of attendees will travel to Sardi's, a famous Broadway restaurant for a fabulous dinner in a private dinning room. At 8 PM you will find this group attending a Broadway show followed by a night-on-the-town in the theater district.

MOONLIGHT PROGRAM

Moonlight in Manhattan kicks off on Friday, April 21, 1995 at 9:00 AM with breakfast and a fashion expert from one of New York's leading

The thrilling Carl Ferrano fashion show presents all the latest apparel for the crossdresser.

Ladies of the Imperial Court of New York present their fabulous floor show.

magazines and a fashion consultant talking about what is new in the fashion industry and what to look for when out shopping in New York City. For the shopping crowd, the rest of the day is free to explore Manhattan's many stores, museums, sights and sounds.

Friday evening will find all of us together for the stimulating Carl Fernando fashion show and dinner in the Hotel Pennsylvania. Carl is a fashion designer employed in the industry and will present his dramatic fashions for your pleasure. Following the show we will all board buses for our famous Moonlight night club tour. We have added some new clubs to our list and we hope that you will join us for this fascinating tour. Club admission charges are included in the price of the ticket.

Saturday morning will find us having brunch at the famous South Street Seaport museum. This restored section of lower Manhattan used to be known for its many fish markets and docks for ships. Now it contains a mall, many fine restaurants, tall ships open to the public, museums, shops and a lot of fun. Within walking distance is the Staten Island ferry, Battery Park, Wall Street and the financial district. The rest of the day is free for your enjoyment.

LET'S PARTY

And then...AND THEN...the famous Moonlight In Manhattan dinner dance. There will be over 100 attending this annual event. You will dine on an all-you-can-eat sumptuous buffet, dance to music presented especially for you by Karen Ward and be dazzled by the exiting entertainment presented by the ladies of the Imperial Court of New York. This year it will be held in larger facilities and everything has been expanded. Bring your friends, spouses, partners and others. Do not miss this event.

NO, WE DID NOT FORGET THE BEGINNERS

If you are new to crossdressing and not too sure about being out in public, we have a special one or two days planned for you. Seminars and workshops are planned for Friday and/or Saturday. Leading experts such as Monica Pedone of Jim Bridges East and Muriel Olive of New York will present workshops on makeovers and creating the feminine image; Dr. Lillith Martin will help us to come out of the closet; Jesse Herbeson will discuss electrolysis; and Dr. Jeffery Mechanick will talk with us about hormones, breast development and more. Other speakers will be available and you will also have an opportunity to meet others who have already dealt with the many events that you are now experiencing in your life.

LOCATION

You will be staying at the Hotel Pennsylvania, one of New York City's oldest and grandest hotels. The hotel is located directly across the street from Madison Square Garden and the Pennsylvania Railroad station. You are also located 8 blocks from the New York Port Authority. Transportation is easy. Hop on the Long Island or New Jersey Transit or Amtrak railroad and walk a few steps to your hotel. Save your nerves and don't drive. But if you must drive, special valet parking is provided at a reduced rate.

AND IT'S ALL FOR CHARITY

We are pleased to present a fine program of exciting events. We are also pleased that any funds left after paying the bills are donated to special projects such as the International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE), the Gender Identity Project (GIP) of the Lesbian and Gay Community Center of New York and other projects that the GNYGA will sponsor. Your attendance at Moonlight guarantees their success.

INFORMATION/REGISTRATION

The Greater New York Gender Alliance, composed of representatives from all the various clubs and gender organizations in the tri-state area, are proud to present this program for your enjoyment. For registration information, please contact Lynda Frank, 330 W. 45th St. New York, NY 10036, (212) 765-3561. We hope to welcome you in April '95. Special prices apply for early registration.

S. Kristine James, General Chairman of Moonlight in Manhattan; Monica Pedone, President GNYGA welcome guests to Moonlight in Manhattan (left to right)

Bulletins, Notices & News

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FILMING OF VIDEO ON WOMEN WHO LIVE AS MEN HAS BEGUN

Candace Schermerhorn, a Boston-based video producer has started work on a documentary video on women who live and work as men. Her intent is to go beyond the standard transition/sexual reassignment surgery/man-trapped-in-a-woman's-body story and put this in a social/sexual/cultural/genderal context. Her driving question is, What's going on here? No, no, what's really going on here. As one person she has already involved in her interviews and early filming said, "It's about somebody did something about us that wasn't sensational, trading on us as freaks."

Ms. Schermerhorn's inspiration was *Mary Diana Dodd, a gentleman and a scholar,* a biography of Mary Bennett, one of many 19th-century women who lived and worked as men. It caused the first, "No, no, what's really going on here?" There were some famous, a few infamous, but many more ordinary women who crossed some social/sexual boundaries just to get to get on with their lives. Yes there people like George Eliot and George Sand, but there were also hundreds of women who fought in the American Revolution and the Civil War, and many others who captained ships, owned ranches, farmed, ran businesses...led lives. That is the story being assembled in this film.

Filming, interviews, contacts around the country are all moving forward. Ms. Schermerhorn is anxious to get as many people as possible involved so as to get the best take on similarities and differences, and, most important, how this is a continuous part of society. She is sensitive to trust issues and is willing to work with people in any way possible to protect that person's security including contact only through a third party, or whatever other conditions someone might feel were appropriate.

She needs volunteers to come forward to tell their own or others' stories. She can be reached directly at Northern Lights Productions, 276 Newbury Street, Boston MA 02116, through IFGE, or in some manner of your own devising. She also needs money. Anyone with ideas on where to seek grants to underwrite this project please speak now.

This project already has too much momentum and is too important to stop. The only question is time. The sooner folks climb aboard to ensure that the work is complete, and the sooner the money appears so the film can be shot, the sooner it will be out on the air waves, and available for your very own screen.

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NUN WINS FIGHT TO LIBERATE TREASURE-TROVE OF AIDS DATA

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In a high-tech spin on the biblical tale of David and Goliath, an Episcopal nun and computer whiz has taken on the behemoths of the AIDS community and has won. Fifty-year-old Sister Mary Elizabeth fought for the right to gather and publicize, for free, the gossip, trends and breaking scientific discoveries from thousands of AIDS research institutions and community groups.

First she tackled the National Library of Medicine, then the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. Now she's taking on AT&T and Pacific Bell. "I was angry," said the soft spoken nun from the bedroom of her mobile home in San Juan Capistrano. "All I wanted was free access to information - and permission to distribute it.

"For some people, that information could make the difference between life and death."

Her persistence has single-handedly created the largest electronic collection of AIDS information in the world, with 144,000 files on drugs and discoveries - all accessible from a computer keyboard. "I brought my laptop so I could call it up and do a search," said Tomas Fabregas, an AIDS patient from San Francisco who was hospitalized for treatment. "You can call up the entire contents of the National Library of Medicine using a keyword search. It's very easy to use."

With the AIDS Education General Information System (AEGIS), Sister Mary Elizabeth links more than 100 computer bulletin boards from all over the world, disseminating information from rural Minnesota to urban Jakarta, Indonesia - and everywhere in between. It's a vast reference library, offering access to published research papers, community newsletters, pharmaceutical press releases, and reports from federal agencies such as the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But it's also a cozy kaffeeklatsch where doctors and researchers talk about what's hot in their world long before it makes headlines.

In the privacy of their homes AIDS patients and activists can seek and swap information, searching, perhaps for some nugget of new information that will improve health. The

idea has met resistance from the AIDS establishments. For a year, the National Library of Medicine charged Mary Elizabeth $18 an hour to search its AIDS drug database, a bill that quickly added up to hundreds of dollars. That changed after she discovered that government agencies were tying up her lines, downloading information for free instead of paying the National Library of Medicine.

She fired off a letter to Vice President Al Gore. "This is ridiculous," she wrote. "I'm paying for this stuff, so they can get it for free...The (National Library of Medicine) information belongs to us anyway - it was purchased with our tax dollars - and it's being sold back to us." Gore's office promised to resolve the problem. Almost immediately, she was granted a free "access code." Later, free access was granted to the general public.

The San Francisco AIDS Foundation refused for more than three years to grant permission for her to publish their $75- to $165-a-year publication called the *Bulletin of Experimental Treatments for AIDS (BETA)*. When Mary Elizabeth added the publication, without permission, the AIDS Foundation obtained a cease-and-desist order. Last month, *BETA* finally became available - for free - to the computerized public.

"Around the world, access to critical treatment information was being restricted by the very organization which has taken the responsibility - and the grant money - for providing it," said Fabregas, a former board member of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. Responds Ron Baker of *BETA*, "Formatting was a problem, due to charts, tablets and photographs. We are a staff of two people, until recently lacked computer expertise. It was a question of being ignorant about the technology. Now, we're delighted that its happening."

Now Sister Mary Elizabeth is going after AT&T and Pacific Bell. They've rebuffed her requests for a charity "800" number, which would enable patients to gain access to the network for free. She is also seeking a remote "call forwarding" line for AIDS hot spots such as San Francisco, so that patients could reach the network by dialing a local number.

Sister Mary Elizabeth, a former naval aviation electronics engineer, came up with the idea of an electronic clearinghouse for AIDS information while living on a cattle farm in the Ozark Mountains of Missouri. In a town with more cows than people, there was virtually no AIDS information. One day a week, for four hours, a doctor visited the nearest town. The nearest hospital was 50 miles away. There also was little privacy. Residents shared a telephone party line. Two postal workers delivered all the mail along the region's rural routes.

"I met two people there who were desperate for information, but they couldn't mention the word," she recalls. "I realized that electronic bulletin boards were the answer. They'd have up-to-date information in seconds - and it's private."

Sister Mary Elizabeth starts her day at 4 a.m. in a back bedroom with five computers. In the course of a day, the network takes 50 to 100 calls. One user has started taking AZT and worries about numbness in his toes. Another wanted to learn about experimental treatments for eye infection. The computer service, which started in 1990, costs her $20,000 because there are no user fees. She supports it through contributions and part-time work as a computer consultant.

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OUR LITTLE MIRACLE

by **Laura Caldwell,**
Chair of the IFGE Budget Committee

This is a true story—one which happened in the latter half of September, 1993. It is about one individual who was willing to step forward and give us financial support to aid our fundraising drive and provide us with a badly needed lift in IFGE's financial affairs.

We begin on the night of September 20th. It was about 9:30PM and I was sitting in my favorite chair, soothing my dark Slavic mind with a sip of vodka, and contemplating our financial problems which had grown steadily throughout 1993. At the moment we were way down on cash flow (monthly revenue minus expenses) and revenue was flagging. Further, we had gotten off to a late start in our fundraising appeal letter, such that IFGE's situation looked bleak. I mentally said that we needed help from someone somewhere and then dismissed the idea as wishful thinking and fantasy. It was a dark moment.

Suddenly, the telephone rang in the night! I picked up the receiver and found myself talking to someone I had never met. The caller explained that she had been talking with the IFGE treasurer Yvonne Cook-Riley and understood that we were having financial trouble. She seemed interested and motivated. I explained that I had gotten together with one of my closest friends to offer a $10,000 challenge match to further motivate large contributions. We continued to talk as she explained some of her background and involvement with IFGE over the years. I was struck by her interest, and in summing up our conversation, she told me that the challenge would be joined and that a check for $10,000 would be in the mail. I was completely dumbfounded and almost fell off my chair. After concluding our talk I started verbalizing: Is this really happening? or Is it a dream? or What? I simply could not explain the timing of the call, or its outcome.

As mentioned, this took place on the night of September 20, 1993. I related my experience to some of my friends—but many were very skeptical, unwilling to admit the face value of the conversation, and pointing to my euphoria stemming from the incident. Two days later, on September 22, the check for $10,000 arrived on Yvonne's desk, and the skeptics were finally turned away.

In retrospect, this event marked a turning point in our financial progress. In the final quarter we went on to rack up over $88,000 in revenue (sales and contributions) and pulled 1993 out of the fire with a 6% increase over the previous year.

Since then I have often ruminated on that single event in late September—of one person who cared enough and stepped forward, and I still have trouble in adequately explaining the timing of her generous offer.

I am not a deeply religious person. Science and the scientific method are my credo for rationality and objectivity. But I must confess, this single event, which I now see in the title of this article, was a jarring wake-up call that says maybe single or compound events do not always have an adequate explanation. And I will forever remember and cherish this event and the person who made it happen.

As a footnote, I should tell all of you that this year you need not worry over being one of the few giving to IFGE. Through September 1994 the number of donors is up 60% over this time last year. My personal forecast is that we should reach 600-700 contributors by year end.

Please give to our cause. Our mission statement in the "Vision 2000" strategic plan says it all for us: To further the freedom of gender expression and to focus on the academic and medical communities in bringing our message and knowledge—with a proactive style and increased communication. Please dig down deep to make this vision a reality for all of us!

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IN MEMORY

Sunday morning. *Very* early and the phone is ringing. I grope for the receiver and wake the child who has sandwiched herself between me and my husband...

"Dr. Randi Ettner?"
"Speaking." Bad news coming.
"St. Paul Ramsey Medical Center, in Minnesota." Mind racing. Heart beating.
"We found your card in the wallet of Ruth St. Francis." Pleasant voice. Tentative.
"He was brought in last night with a self-inflicted bullet wound in the head. Death is imminent."

"She." I say, crying.

Ruth Jacqueline St. Francis
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Calendar of Major Events

Updated November,, 1, 1994

If you have an event of Regional, National, or International interest, please send your information to:
IFGE Calendar, P O Box 367, Wayland MA 01778

NOVEMBER, 1994

9-13: Tri-Ess Holiday En Femme, New York, New York USA
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17-20: Fall Harvest, Iowa City, Iowa USA
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17-20: Eighth Annual US Dressing for Pleasure Gala, Pocono Mountains, Pennsylvania
Dressing for Pleasure, P O Box 43079, Upper Montclair NJ 07043 USA (201) 746-4200

18-19: Transsexuals, Transgenderists, and Crossdressers: Psychological & Medical Aspects of Diagnosis and Treatment, Tampa, Florida USA
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18-20: 3rd Annual Riverside Gala Weekend, Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania USA
Erie Sisters, 2115 West 8th Street, Suite 261, Erie PA 16505

DECEMBER, 1994

2-3: Innvestments Christmas on the Cape, Cape Cod, Massachusetts USA
Innvestments, P O Box 2194, Orleans MA 02653 USA

10: Greater Philadelphia Chapter Holiday Party, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania USA
GPC Holiday Party, P O Box 530, Bensalem PA 19020(610)630-1437

29-31: Transgender Pride Conference, Helsinki, FINLAND
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JANUARY, 1995

26-29: First Event, Natick, Massachusetts USA
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FEBRUARY, 1995

21-26: 7th Annual Texas T Party, San Antonio, Texas USA
Texas T Party, P O Box 700042, San Antonio TX 78270 USA (210) 980-7788

23-26: International Congress on Cross Dressing, Gender, and Sex, Van Nuys, California USA
Vern L. Bullough, PhD, RN, SUNY Distinguished Professor Emeritus, 17434 Mayall Street, Northridge CA 91325

MARCH, 1995

13-19: Coming Together Convention, Atlanta, Georgia USA
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31-April 2: Full Circle of Women (for people identifying as women), Essex, Massachusetts USA
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APRIL, 1995

7-9: 3rd Annual Moonlight in Manhattan, New York, New York USA
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20-23: California Dreamin' '95, Burbank, California USA
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MAY, 1995

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17-21: Esprit, Port Angeles, Oregon USA
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30-June 5: Spring Fling, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, USA
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JUNE, 1995

7-11: 13th Annual Be All, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA
Be All Weekend, c/o Cross-Port, P O Box 54657, Cincinnati OH 45254-0657

14-18: 4th Annual International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy, TRANSGEN'95, Houston, Texas USA
Phyllis Frye, 5707 Firenza, Houston TX 77035-5515 USA

JULY, 1995

27-30: Spouses Partners International Conference for Education (SPICE) (for partners of gender gifted males), Memphis, Tennessee USA
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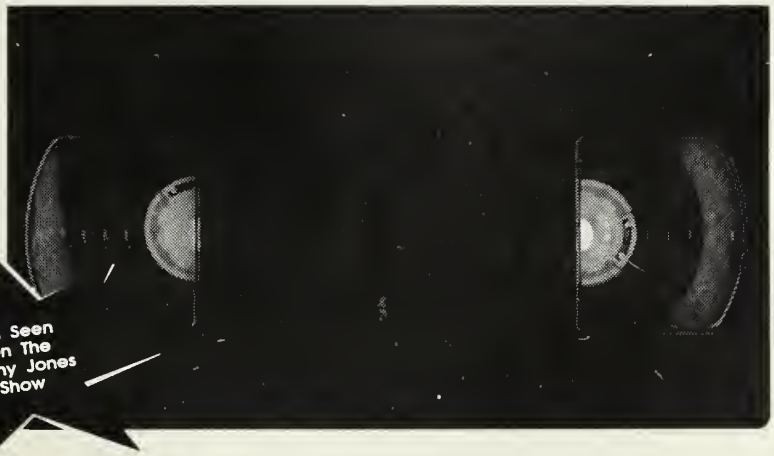

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(Updated October 1994)

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CD/TS/SO - **SUNSHINE CLUB:**
Sunshine Club, c/o Roberta Steel, P O Box 149, Hadley MA 01035
Monthly meetings at a church in Pioneer Valley area. Discretion and toleration expected.
☞ Monthly newsletter

FTM/SO - **EAST COAST FEMALE-TO-MALE GROUP:**
P O Box 60585, Florence Station, Northampton MA 01060
Meets in the homes of members. Social activities and networking with other FTMs. Meetings are potluck buffet.

TV/TS - **BERKSHIRE ALTERNATIVES:**
P O Box 508, North Adams MA 01247
Social and support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered. Meets the first Friday of each month.

TV/TS - **THE MYRIAD NETWORK:**
P O Box 288, Williamstown MA 01267
Support without regard to sexual orientation or gender identity. Publish quarterly.
☞ *The Myriad Network News.*

TV/TS - **INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR GENDER EDUCATION:** Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Executive Director.
I.F.G.E., Box 367, Wayland MA 01778-0367
Educational and service organization designed to serve as an effective communications medium, outreach device, and networking facility for the entire TV/TS Community and those affected by that Community. Publisher of materials relevant to the TV/TS theme. Sponsors the annual Coming Together convention. An international information and referral clearinghouse, speakers' bureau, "drop-in bookstore" for emergency peer counselling and on-going volunteer work ☎ (617) 894-8340 FAX (617) 899-5703
☞ *TV-TS Tapestry Journal*

FTM/SO - **THE ADAM SOCIETY:**
c/o Dan Riley, P O Box 367, Wayland MA 01778-0367
Support group for female-to-male crossdressers and transsexuals, and their significant others. ☞ *Adam's Word*

TV/TS/SO - **TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND, Inc.:**
TCNE, P O Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483
Organizing get-togethers, workshops, seminars, and beauty courses, referrals, a speakers' bureau, and group outings. Attendees must be interviewed by a member of the Screening

Committee, or have a letter of introduction from a qualified person. ☎(617) 891-9325 (answered live Tuesdays 7:00-10:00pm EST) ⇨ *Rosebuds*

SO - **TIFFANY CLUB WIVES' SUPPORT GROUP**: c/o TCNE, Inc., Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483
Monthly meetings, one-on-one support.☎(617) 891-9325 (answered live Tuesdays 7:00 - 10:00pm EST)

TV/TS - **REFLECTIONS**: P O Box 4002, East Dedham MA 02026
Providing public speaking, advocacy, support phone line, therapy group, library, referral database. Meets fourth Saturday of each month, 3:00-5:00pm at the Arlington Street Church, 351 Boylston St. at Arlington St., Boston.☎(617) 323-6082 ⇨ Newsletter

TS - **GENDER IDENTITY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR TRANSSEXUALS**
G.I.S.S.T. is a support and referral group for transsexuals providing AIDS education, HIV testing, alcohol and drug rehabilitation, therapeutic assistance, job training, social skills, social acceptance, gender identity counseling, and housing. Meets weekly. Call for location and time. ☎(617) 742-5785

TS - **GETTING REAL**: P O Box 194, West Newton MA 02165
Support group for hermaphrodites, intersexes, primary TSs, and others with sexual/gender incongruities and their families. Medical information, advice and support. Monthly meetings in downtown Boston. No fee. Free parking.

TV/TS/SO - **AXA:** P O Box 380547, Cambridge MA 02238
Social support group offers individual support, sharing of resources, open discussions, advocacy in support of civil rights for transgenderists. Weekly meetings Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA. No dues or fees. Interview required.

TV/TS - **TRANSGENDERED ALLIANCE**: TGA, P O Box 38-1005, Cambridge MA 02238
A political organization working to unite the transgender community around a program advocating its own political and social interests; organizes and educates for human rights for transgendered people and for liberation from restrictive gender roles; supports the International Gender Bill of Rights.

TV/TS/SO - **INNVESTMENTS:** P O Box 2194, Orleans MA 02653
Social support group for those on Cape Cod and SE MA. Meets first Tuesday each month except for summer. Inquire for time and place. ⇨ Newsletter

TV/TS -**SOCIETY OF CROSS-DRESSING HARDWARE ENGINEERS:** SCHE, 276 Pearl Street #L, Cambridge MA 02139 ⇨ *SCHE Mail.*

JOSEFINA A. SPECKERT, MEd: 30 East Housatonic St, Suite #3, Pittsfield MA 01201
Psychotherapist specializing in gender issues.

PEOPLE*SYSTEMS POTENTIAL: Niela Miller, MS Ed, LCSW, P O Box 132, Nagog Woods MA 01718
Counseling for crossdressers, gender confused persons, partners, family members. Monthly group for CDs and TSs in Concord, Mass. Supervision available for mental health professionals. ☎ (508) 264-4565

NEW HORIZONS COUNSELING: Clyde Hilburn, MSWCandidate, P O Box 191, Ashland MA 01721
Individual counseling and support groups for those dealing with gender issues. ☎ (508) 435-6656

DIANE ELLABORN, LICSW, NASW, Diplomate in Clinical Social Work: 16 Boston Post Rd., Suite 205, Wayland MA 01778
Psychotherapist with 15 years' experience provides psychotherapy and divorce mediation for CD/TS, transgendered people and their spouses. ☎ (508) 877-9671

ELKE U. O'DONNELL, PhD:
43 Roberts Road, Cambridge MA 02138
Psychotherapist offering supportive, confidential counseling for all people facing gender identit y issues. Monthly group for CDs and TSs. ☎ (617) 441-9300

THESEUS COUNSELING SERVICES: Ari Kane, MEd, Gender Specialist, 233 Harvard Street, Suite 301, Brookline MA 02146
Counseling in gender issues, couples counseling where dressing is an issue in the relationship, gender clarification for gender shift people, long-term counseling for pre-op TSs, professional supervision for social workers and guidance counselors. All sessions are by appointment. ☎ 617-277-4360 ⇨ *Journal of Gender Studies*

SERVICES FOR MEN (AND THEIR FAMILIES):
66 Wyman Street, West Medford MA 02155
Staff of Board Certified and Licensed Social Workers, psychiatrist, and psychologist to deal with sexual and gender issues, identity problems, relationship problems, depression. Qualified for health insurance payments. Evening and Saturday hours available. ☎ (617) 395-2450

DENNIS PEARNE, EdD: Consultations: 9 Alexander Ave, Belmont Ctr, MA 02178. Mailing: 133 Grove St., Watertown MA 02172.
Clinical psychologist. ☎ Office: (617) 484-0013

RHODE ISLAND (028-029)

TV/TS - **SILENT PASSAGE**:
No admirers, please. Over 21, personal interview.
☎ (401) 438-7417

NEW HAMPSHIRE (030-038)

TV/TS/TG/SO - **GENDER TALK NORTH**: P O Box. 211, Keene NH 03431
Support for gender community members, family, friends, helping professionals. Regular meetings at various locations in southern New Hampshire. Interview required for new members. ☎ (603) 924-8828

WRITERS ETC. c/o Abby M. Greene:
P O Box 6211, W. Franklin NH 03235
Monthly gender magazine. $36/year in US, $40 yearly for Canada and overseas. Subscribers eligible for 40-50 word personal ads. ☎ (603) 934-3379 ⇨ *TV-TS Confidential*

NANCY STRAPKO, PhD:
PO Box 157, Plymouth NH 03264
Gender Specialist. Psychotherapist serving the New England area. Private, couples, and group therapy. Formerly with U. of Minnesota. ☎ (603) 536-1306.

CHESHIRE COUNSELING:
104 Cross St., Keene, NH 03431 Ken DeVoid, EdD
Gender identity counseling. Individual consultation/counseling, confidential setting, support group. Weekend/ evening appointments available.☎ (603) 357-5544

MAINE (038-047)

TV/TS/SO - **TRANSUPPORT**:
Box 17622, Portland ME 04101
Education and social activities for members of the gender community, their families and friends, and others interested in these issues. Monthly general meetings and monthly small discussion group. Speakers bureau. Strict security. Write . ⇨ *Trans-Talk*

MAINE GENDER RESOURCE AND SUPPORT SERVICE:
c/o Jean Churchill, P O Box 1894, Bangor ME 04402-1894
Volunteer organization working to provide information, referrals, and support to Maine's transgendered community, and education about gender dysphoria to the public. NOT a support group.

OUTREACH INSTITUTE OF GENDER STUDIES:
126 Western Ave., Ste. 246, Augusta ME 04330
Ariadne Kane, Director
Conferences and workshops on gender issues, Gender Attitude Reassessment Program for health care professionals, clinical supervision for sex educators and counselors, Fantasia Fair, speakers' bureau for meetings and conferences, seminars for couples. ☎ 207-621-0858. ⇨ *Journal of Gender Studies*, information packets, publications, annotated catalogue

VERMONT (050-059)

CONNECTICUT (060-069)

TV/TS/SO - **CONNECTICUT OUTREACH SOCIETY:** COS, P O Box 163, Farmington CT 06034

Promotes a positive self-image for cross-gendered individuals in the community and in the media. Three meetings each month.Wives' Support Group and Couples' Group; education, outreach, and speakers' bureau; social get-togethers and outings; confidential membership directory with personal ads and photos. Membership/recommendation required. ☞ *The Outreach News* ☎ (203) 657-4344

TV/TS - **YE CG BRITS**: P O Box 106, Rocky Hill CT 06067-0106, USA

Open to British-born Male to Female crossgendered people who would like to correspond with and perhaps meet other British-born TGs for friendship and support. We also wish to change some of the TG laws in Britain. We shall be keeping in contact with TG groups in Great Britain.

TS/SO - **XX (TWENTY) CLUB**: Box 387, Hartford CT 06141-0387

XX Club is the TS peer support group of the Gender Identity Clinic of New England. Friends/relatives welcome. Meets second and fourth Saturday from 2-5pm at Christ Church Cathedral, 45 Church Street, Hartford CT (off North Main Street). Meetings are usually open, sometimes there is a prearranged program. Occasional social events. Membership $20.00/year includes a subscription to the newsletter. Persons wishing to attend are welcome as long as they have a personal interest in transsexuality, understand the nature of the group, and will respect the anonymity of those attending.

☞ *XX*, published bi-monthly

TS/SO - **IMAGES**: P O Box 666, Thompson CT 06241-0666

Provides peer support, group, and individual counseling for the transgender community. Group meetings the first Thursday of each month 7:00 to 10:00 pm in Worcester, MA. Individual counseling. 24-hour crisis hot-line to members of the group. Referrals to doctors, therapists, and other organizations. Call for phone interview. Safe and secure meeting place. ☎ (203) 779-9708 voice and FAX

CD/TV/TS/TG/SO - **P I GROUP**:
P O Box 245, Haddam CT 06438-0245

Supportive, safe get-togethers. Send SASE for info. Available through networked BBSs.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC OF NEW ENGLAND: GICNE,
68 Adelaide Road, Manchester CT 06040
Clinton R. Jones, Director

Provides screening for pre-operative TS applicants desirous of hormone therapy and for sex reassignment surgery approval for pre-operative TSs who have met the requirements of the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association's Standards of Care. ☎ (203) 646-8651

W. RILEY SNOW, MD:
1001 Farmington Ave., Suite 302, Bristol CT 06010

General psychiatry and individual psychotherapy. Board certified. Knowledgeable about gender issues. ☎ (203) 582-1178

NEW JERSEY (070-088)

TV/TS/SO - **MONMOUTH OCEAN GROUP:** P O Box 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701

Affiliated with Renaissance Education Association in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Member Garden State Gender Coalition, ACLU, NJ Lesbian and Gay Coalition. Monthly meetings, socials, SO support, outreach. ☞ *Monmouth-Ocean News*

TV/SO - **EAST COAST COUPLES NETWORK**: ECCN, c/o MOG, P O Box 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701

Group for couples where both partners are comfortable and supportive with the CD aspects of the relationship. Get-togethers will not be complaint sessions, but positive and uplifting.

TV/TS - **NORTHERN NEW JERSEY**: Northern New Jersey, c/o Ms. Lynda Frank, P O Box 9192, Morristown NJ 07960

Get-togethers the last Saturday of each month at various locations in northern NJ. Ms. Frank handles the TV-related affairs of the dissolved Pine Brook, NJ chapter as well. Interview required. ☎ (201) 663-0772

TV/TS - **RENAISSANCE - SOUTH JERSEY CHAPTER:**
P O Box 189, Mays Landing NJ 08330

Meetings the first Saturday of each month at the Atlantic Mental Health Center, Inc., 2002 Black Horse Pike, Mckee , NJ. Doors open at 7:00pm. ☎ (609)435-5401

▲ - **SIGMA NU RHO CHAPTER TRI-ESS**: SNR, P O Box 9255, Trenton NJ 08650

Meets the fourth Saturday of each month. ☎ (609) 586-1351

TS - **TRANSSEXUAL ORGANIZATION SELF HELP:** c/o A. J. Gilberti, 6 Firethorn Way, Toms River NJ 08755

Phone networking—self-help for male-to-female, partial or full transsexual. A way to talk and possibly meet others. Phone contact, or by mail.

▲ **-CHI DELTA MU**, P O Box 203, Oradell NJ 07649-0203

Tri-Ess Chapter.

NEW YORK (090-149)

TV/TS/SO - **CROSS DRESSERS OF NEW YORK/NYGA**:
c/o Muriel Olive, 9 W. 31st St, Suite 7R, New York NY 10001
S. Kristine James, Director, Karen Cioe, NYC Coord., Muriel Olive, Director.

Sponsors meetings, parties, dinners, ☎ (212) 570-7389

TV/TS/TG - **TRANSGENDER RIGHTS! (TGR)**:
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Broadscope human rights advocacy organization run by and for transgendered people. Open meetings every other Saturday at Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 208 West 13th Street in Manhattan. ☞ *Rights News.* ☎ (212) 979-8547

TV/TS - **IMPERIAL QUEENS OF NEW YORK & LONG ISLAND**: Suite 120, 70-A Greenwich Village Ave, New York NY 10011

A registered, genuine, supportive organization for Female Impersonators, DQs, TVs, TSs and their friends and supporters in a fun, helpful and democratic forum. We represent a unique, positive and valued element of society. Social activities for non-Gay and Gay charities. Meetings first Friday of the month, 8:00pm, Gay Community Services Center, West 13th Street and 7th Avenue. "If you've got the hi-heels, we've got the eye-deals." ☎ (212) 580-9858 (NYC), (516) 889-1980(LI). ☞ *Imperially Yours*

TV/TS - **METROPOLITAN GENDER NETWORK**: 561 Hudson Street, P O Box45, New York NY 10014

Support, advocacy, and educational group open to all segments of the gender community. Friends and guests welcome. Monthly meetings on the second Sunday, social events, lending library, resource directory, referrals. Brief meeting registration form is sent in response to new inquiries. ☎ (201) 794-1665 ext. 332. (718) 461-9050 ☞ *City Lights*

TS - **SURVIVORS OF TRANSSEXUALITY ANONYMOUS**

A twelve-step recovery program modeled after Alcoholics Anonymous. Meets 6:30-8:00 pm on Tuesdays, and 8:30-10:00 pm on Sundays. We could arrange room and board for out of town visitors, but we do not have a place for people to stay long-term.

☎ Answering service (212) 969-0888.

TS - **THE F2M FRATERNITY:** P O Box 509, Lenox Hill Station, New York NY 10021

An information network and support group run by and for female-to-males. Meetings in private apartments in New York City about every six weeks. We welcome F-M TSs, anyone who is experiencing gender dysphoria or considers themselves a possible candidate for F-M reassignment. ☎ (908) 298-8797 Marty Kincaid or (212) 570-1260 Kit Rachlin.

CD/TS - **EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY**: Box 2783 Grand Central Station, New York NY 10163

For those with S/M and B/D fantasies. The oldest organization of its type. Frequent events specifically oriented toward the TV. Inquire for times. ☎ (212) 388-7022

▲ - **CHI DELTA MU CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS**: P O Box 477, Co-op Station, Bronx NY 10475

Get-togethers the 2nd Saturday of each month in either northern New Jersey or southern

TV/TS/SO - **ATLANTA GENDER EXPLORATION**: AGE, P O Box 77562, Atlanta GA 30357

Modeled after Phoenix Transgender Support Group in Asheville, NC. Non-sexual and member-operated. Membership open to anyone with a gender concern, families, friends. Meet twice a month. Screening before attending first meeting. One-time $25 screening fee, and $5 per meeting. ☎ Helpline: (404) 875-9846. *Atlanta Gender Chronicle*

MONTGOMERY MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, INC.:
Montgomery Institute, P O Box 33311, Decatur GA 30033
Contact: Jerry or Lynn Montgomery.

TS support group and professional services. Information distribution center for the southeast region. Monthly meetings, free professional referrals, speakers, training seminars, hot line, and an annual TS convention. Screening required of clients. Local professionals working with our members are also screened. ☎ (404) 603 9426
MM & PI monthly newsletter, *Insight* a quarterly magazine for and about TSs.

AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL GENDER INFORMATION SERVICE, Inc.:
AEGIS, P O Box 33724, Decatur GA 30033-0724
Ms. Dallas Denny, MA, Licensed Psychological Examiner (TN).

Professionally managed support group and national nonprofit clearinghouse for information about gender dysphoria. Referrals to professionals and support groups, and to individuals, following the Standards of Care; case management; consulting; speakers' service. Helpline:(404) 939-0244. *Chrysalis Quarterly*, transition booklets, bibliography, J2CP, Janus, and Erickson Foundation materials.
☎ (404) 939-2128 (404) 9390244 helpline FAX (404)939-1770

FLORIDA (320-340)

TV/TS/SO - **GENDER INFORM NETWORK OF GAINESVILLE**: GING, Gail Driaper

Referral service for those persons whose spiritual worth is more than their sexual orientation who need professional help in the Gainesville, FL area. Quarterly meetings. Donation. Now a member of the United Way Referral Service of Gainesville. Interviewed as to their needs. ☎ (904) 332-8178

TS - **FLORIDA CHAPTER MONTGOMERY INSTITUTE, Inc.**: P O Box 141133, Gainesville FL 32607

Referrals to medical doctors for SRS, psychologist, electrologist, etc. Monthly meetings. Distribution of legal/medical/social information for TSs. Post-op F-M TS offers consultation. Meet each month on the second and fourth Friday. $5 per meeting. Must be screened by directors. Members are in counseling. ☎ (904) 332-6638 *Insight*

▲ - **PHI EPSILON MU/CENTRAL FLORIDA SISTERS**: P O Box 3261, Winter Park FL 32790-3261

Meetings 1st Saturday of each month. Monthly newsletter to members and other groups. Interview required. Newsletter

TV/TS - **FANTASIA:** c/o GLCS, P.O. Box 533446, Orlando FL 32853- 3446 Arlena Parrish or Angela Wood

Group meets twice a month to discuss common problems, share experiences, and network information. Objectives include promoting TV/TS Community through education & understanding. Interview. ☎ (407) 425-4527

TV/TS/SO - **SERENITY**: P O Box 307, Hollywood FL 33022

Meetings the third Friday each month at the Metropolitan Community Church, 330 SW 27th Street, Fort Lauderdale. ☎ (305) 436-9477 Newsletter

TS - **THE EDEN SOCIETY**: P O Box 1692, Pompano Beach FL 33061-1692

M-F and F-M TS support group. Meets second Saturday of month at MCC church in Ft. Lauderdale. No dues. Newsletter $20/year ☎ (305) 784-9316 Newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **ANIMAS**: P O Box 420309, Miami FL 33242

Group meets the first Saturday of every month at 8:30 pm in a safe, anonymous atmosphere to exchange problems, triumphs, fashion ideas, and beauty tips. Consultants in fashion / image available. A periodic newsletter

TS - **ENCHANTE**: c/o J.L. Hores, 1801 69th Ave.South, St. Petersburg FL 33712
☎ (813) 972-2617(Kerry TS), 866-0438(Joe)

Support group for TSs. Meets monthly on second Friday in a private home. Scrrening before attending first meeting. Call or write. Newsletter

TV/TS - **VENICE TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP**: Chrissie P. Humphreys, 944 Rialto, Venice FL 34285

Meetings the second Friday each month. Must be ladylike, no drinking. Referrals.

TV/TG/TS/SO - **STARBURST**: P O Box 2826, Pinellas Park FL 34664-2826

Open support group for the transgendered community. Meetings in St. Petersburg. Interview required. Meetings the third Saturday of each month from 7:00-11:00pm. Outside events in addition to meetings occur from time to time. Interview by member of Board required. *Butterflies* ☎ (813) 527-1012

TS - **ECLIPSE**: P O Box 2826, Pinellas Park FL 34664-2826

Support group for transsexuals. Meetings the third Saturday of each month. Screening before attending meeting. Call or write. *Butterflies* ☎ (813) 546-3089 (Felisha TS)

C.O.P.E. CENTER, INC.:
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Clyde E. Trautloff, MA, CAP, CAS Program Manager.

Private, not-for-profit mental health center. Individual, group, and family therapy for those with issues around sexuality. Rap groups and individual problem solving.

A CLINICAL APPROACH COUNSELING CENTER, INC.: Coral Gables, Florida
Marcia L. Schultz, MA, MS, PsyD, Clinical Director.

Clinical psychologist working with patients on gender issues, gender dysphoria, crossdressing, gender role transition, couple therapy, evaluation for hormone therapy and surgery. Actively involved in TS and TV support groups. Also work with gay and lesbian issues. ☎(305) 345-2292

ADELE KATES & ASSOCIATES, P.A.
1 N.E. 168th Street, North Miami Beach FL 33162
Certified & Licensed Speech Pathologist, Adele Kates, Director.

Transsexual voice change and gender identity. Includes: body language, make-up, fashion, hair styling, female communication patterns. By appointment.
☎ (305) 651-6442

CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY COUNSELING:
2999 N.E, 191 St., Suite 607 Aventura FL 33180
Coral L. Schlosberg, PhD, LCSW, LMFT

Board Certified Sex Therapist, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Clinical psycho-therapist who has been working for fourteen years with gender identity issues. The Center is now starting a group forTV/TS. Individual and group therapy. ☎ (305) 936-8000

GENDER CONGRUITY CENTER: 9960 Center Park Blvd. South, #404, Boca Raton FL 33428
% (800) 328-2633

TAMPA STRESS CENTER: 4137 W. Waters Ave., Tampa FL 33614
Carl W. Bushong, PhD

A private service providing counseling for crossdressers, the gender conflicted and their significant others where dressing poses a concern. Counseling, evaluation and support for TSs and their significant others. Referral and guidance of appropriate individuals for hormonal management and transition. All services by appointment.
☎ (813) 884-7835

COUNSELING AND CONSULTING SERVICES OF PINELLAS COUNTY, INC.: Judith A. Meisner, PhD, LCSW, LMFT,
3530 First Avenue North, Suite 209, St. Petersburg FL 33713

Board certified sex therapist & clinical supervisor; board certified clinical sexologist; licensed clinical social worker & licensed marriage and family therapist; life clinical fellow, American Academy of Clinical Sexologists. Private, confidential service providing counseling or consulting for transgendered persons and/or their partners. By appointment only. ☎(813) 327-1672

ALABAMA (350-369)

▲ - **SIGMA RHO GAMMA-SOUTH, TRI-ESS:** P O Box 66286, Mobile AL 36660 Contact: Lisa Jackson.
Monthly meetings relating directly to the crossdresser and their family. Membership includes subscription to the monthly newsletter. There is a mandatory orientation program. *The Continuum*

▲ - **SIGMA RHO GAMMA:** SERGA, P O Box 16174, Huntsville AL 35802
Monthly meetings relating directly to the crossdresser and their family. Membership includes subscription to the monthly newsletter. Mandatory orientation .

MONTGOMERY MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, INC.
Montgomery Institute, P O Box 3361, Montgomery, AL 35109
Contact: Jerry or Lynn Montgomery.
TS support group and professional services. Information distribution center for the southeast region. Monthly meetings, free professional referrals, speakers, training seminars, hot line, and an annual TS convention. Screening required of clients. Local professionals working with our members are also screened. ☎ (205) 272 -2726

TENNESSEE (370-384)

TV/TS/SO - **TENNESSEE VALS**: P O Box 92335, Nashville TN 37209
Meetings on the second Saturday of the month at a private location in the Nashville area. Write or call to be interviewed. ☎ (615) 664-6883 (voice mail) Monthly newsletter

▲ - **MU SIGMA, TRI-ESS:** P O Box 61, Jonesboro AR 72403-0061
Support group serving the Memphis metropolitan area. Inquire. *Ms. Cotton Belle*

TV/TS - **TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP:** c/o Rev. John Prowett, 1517 Court Street, Suite #4, Memphis TN 38104-2402
Group meets on fourth Saturdays at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 1486 Madison. Doors open at 6:00pm, and there is a room to change in. Contact Rev. Prowett for information.

TV/TS/TG - **MEMPHIS TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE**: P O Box 11232, Memphis TN 38111-0232
Social support group providing education for general community. Meet on fourth of every month at 2:00 pm. Annual dues $12 and $5 meeting fee. Changing facilities at meetings.
☎ (901) 353-2612 *Powder and Pearls*

GEORGE R. BROWN, MD: Department of Psychiatry, Mountain Home VAMC, Johnson City TN 37684
Psychiatric/medical practice devoted to gender and sexuality concerns. SRS evaluation, hormone treatment. Uses Harry Benjamin Standards.
☎ (615) 926-1177 ext. 7709

MISSISSIPPI (386-396)

▲ - **BETA CHI CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS IN MISSISSIPPI**:
P O Box 31253, Jackson MS 39206-1253 Lee Frances, Secretary
☎ (601) 982-7678 (24 hrs). *Premiere*

KENTUCKY (403-427)

TV/TS/SO - **LOUISVILLE GENDER SOCIETY**: LGS, P O Box 5458, Louisville KY 40255-0458
Educational social and support group regardless of sexual preference or orientation. Meet on the second Saturday of each month Invitations to meetings after screening
☎ (812) 944-5570, Barbara (502) 458-8028, Patti (502) 966-8701, Lori

OHIO (434-457)

TV/TS/SO - **CRYSTAL CLUB:** P O Box 287, Reynoldsburg OH 43068-0287
An open support group providing a non-threatening environment. Meetings the 4th Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Peer support.We cooperate with neighboring organizations such as Alpha Omega, Paradise, Cross-Port. Include brief biography of yourself, tell where you heard about us. *The Crystal Chronicle* ☎(614) 224-1165

▲ - **ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER, TRI-ESS**: Box 2053, Sheffield Lake OH 44054-0053
Meetings second Saturday of the month. Membership and attendance at a meeting requires the approval of a qualified officer. *Alpha Omega Outreach*

CD - **PARADISE CLUB**: Paradise, P O Box 29564, Parma OH 44129
Emphasis on friendship and support, especially for wives. Approximately 90 members, with an average of 50+ at each meeting. Meeting the third Saturday of the month. Paradise welcomes all mature and responsible people. CDs must dress at meetings.
Paradise Tales

TV/TS/SO - **CROSS-PORT**: Box 54657, Cincinnati OH 45254-0657
A support organization regardless of sexual preference, practices, or orientation. Meets the third Thursday of the month. All guests and members are expected to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen. Common sense is rule. ☎ (513) 474-9557, Shelbi.
monthly newsletter

NORTH CENTRAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
1301 North High Street, Columbus OH 43201
Mental health hotline and service provider. Can provide individual counseling and mental health services as well as referrals about gender issues. ☎ (614) 299-6600

INDIANA (463-479)

TV/TS - **INDIANA CROSS-DRESSERS SOCIETY:** IXE, Box 20710, Indianapolis IN 46220
Manners and common sense are expected of all at meetings. IXE is a supportive non-judgmental group for all persons honestly dealing with gender conflict. Meetings the second Tuesday and the last Saturday of the month. IXE has a BBS. ☎ (317) 781-0834 (Indianapolis) Danielle, (812) 876-5635 (Bloomington) Gloria , (812) 398-6235 (Shelbyville) Holly monthly newsletter

MICHIGAN (480-499)

CROSSROADS: P O Box 1245, Royal Oak MI 48068-1245
Crossroads emphasizes friendship, support, and peace of mind of all. Formal membership of approximately 90 and an informal membership of approximately 250. Formal and casual social activities. Referrals to other organizations nation-wide, and to helping professionals in the Great Lakes area. Also investigate agencies, businesses, and organizations, and do considerable outreach work. Welcomes mature and responsible people.
☎ messages: (313) 537-3267 *Crossroads Chatter*

TV/TS - **NATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORT GROUP**: N.G.D.O, P O Box 02732, Detroit MI 48202
Justina Williams, President
Support/educational organization for the gender dysphoric (transsexual) community, and crossdressers. We offer referrals to compassionate helping professionals and support groups which are *separated* as to sexual orientation. We also offer a discrimination committee. Meetings are held at a safe location.
☎ (313) 842-5258 *NGDO Key to Freedom*

▲ - **THETA OMEGA GAMMA - TRI-ESS (Detroit area):**c/o Tri-Ess, P O Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275 (temporary)
See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA

CD/TS/SO - **I.M.E. OF WESTERN MICHIGAN**: P O Box 1153, Grand Rapids MI 49501
Social, support, and educational group. Mail forwarding. We have the services of a MSW social worker free of charge to members. Lectures and referrals. Monthly meetings and socials. Membership confidential.

CD/TS/SO - **NORTHWEST MICHIGAN GENDER SOCIETY**: c/o Tricia Marie Benton, P O Box 271, Petoskey MI 49770
Monthly meeting, newsletter, Partner's Support Group. Interview before attending first meeting. Newsletter

HOMESTEAD COUNSELING CENTER: Sandra L.Samons, ACSW, CAC, 1480 Shevchenko, Ann Arbor MI 48103
Individual and family therapist knowledgeable about gender issues. Day or evening times available. Leave message and your call will be returned. ☎ (313) 663-7871

LEE PADULA, PhD: 37677 Professional Center Dr., Suite 110, Livonia MI 48154
Licensed psychologist, marital and family therapist, certified sex therapist. More than ten years of experience working with CD/TG/TS/SOs and families in the gender community. Psychological evaluations for hormones and for SRS. Transition support in employment. Day and evening appointments. ☎ (313) 953-3333

IOWA (500-528)

▲ - **IOWA ARTISTRY**: Box 75, Cedar Rapids IA 52406
Support group for gender issues. MAGGIE affiliate. This is also the Iota Alpha chapter of Tri-Ess. Rap sessions, annual picnic, annual banquet, resource library, changing facilities, professional guests, and informational programs. ⇨ Bi-monthly newsletter

TV/TS - **QUAD-CITY SOCIETY FOR SEXUALITY EDUCATION:** 1236 W. 8th, Davenport IA 52802
Social support group for all genderists. Meets first Sunday of the month at 6pm. ☎ (319) 324-6941 from 6pm - 9pm.

TV/TS/SO - **RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE**: RCGA, P O Box 680, Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680
MAGGIE affiliate. Educational, support, and social group. Monthly meetings, a bi-monthly newsletter, referrals for professional counseling, personal listings, social opportunities, changing facilities, and library. ⇨ *The Transformer*

CENTRAL IOWA GENDER INSTITUTE: P O Box 12164, Des Moines IA 50312 Susan McIntyre, MSW, ACSW
Counseling and support services for CD/TS and androgynous persons. Individual and group activities. Referrals. ☎ (515) 277-7754

PMC TRANSGENDER COUNSELING AND CONSULTATION: Richard V. Campagna, MA, JD, P O Box 5265, Coralville IA 52241
Legal, psychological and financial counseling for CD/TV/TS and androgynous persons. Referrals. Sliding scale. Travel frequently to Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, USVI. ☎ (319) 354-3189 FAX (319) 337-2045

WISCONSIN (530-548)

TV/TS/TG/SO - **GEMINI GENDER GROUP:** P O Box 44211, Milwaukee WI 53214
An open support group for all sexual orientations for transgendered persons, significant others, friends and family. Monthly meetings on second Saturday.
☎ (414) 297-9328 (voicemail) ⇨ Newsletter

MILWAUKEE TRANSGENDER PROGRAM:
Pathways Counseling Center, 2645 N Mayfair Road, Ste 230, First Financial Building, Milwaukee WI 53226-1304
A therapy program for M-F and F-M transgendered people. A complete program of emotional support, evaluation, psychotherapy, hormone therapy and reassignment surgeries. Follows the Harry Benjamin Standards. Contact Gretchen Fincke, or Roger Northway. ☎ (414) 774-4111

INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHOSEXUAL HEALTH: Great Lakes Gender Clinic, 3250 North Oakland Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53211
Charles A.Kiley, ACSW, CICSW
Gender clinic for persons in transition, counseling for compulsive sexual behavior. Thorough evaluation, emotional support, hormonal and surgical reassignment services. ☎ (414) 332 5407

TRANSGENDER IDENTITY GROUP: c/o Ivanoff and Ivanoff, Ste 1810 Clark Building, 633 West Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee WI 53203-1918
Therapy program for M-F TG/TV/CD provided by licensed psychologist meets the second Sunday afternoon each month. Individual and group support services for family and friends. Individual therapy for F-Ms. Comprehensive screening, appropriate referrals. Use HBIGDA Standards of Care. ☎ (414) 271-3322

MINNESOTA (550-567)

TV/TS/SO - **MINNESOTA FREEDOM OF GENDER EXPRESSION**: MFGE, Box 17945, St. Paul MN 55117
An open service and peer support group for transgendered persons, their significant others, and interested persons. Services' listing for members. Interview required. ⇨ Newsletter bimonthly ☎(612) 220-9027 (voicemail)

TS - **NEW MEN AND WOMEN OF MINNESOTA:** P O Box 6432, Minneapolis MN 55406-0432
Meetings, referrals. ☎ (612) 220-1920 ⇨ Newsletter

▲ **BETA GAMMA, TRI-ESS**: Box 8591, Minneapolis MN 55408
See Society for Second Self,Tulare CA.

CD - **CITY OF LAKES CROSSGENDER COMMUNITY**: CLCC, P O Box 16265, Minneapolis MN 55414
Monthly meetings. The group provides a comfortable social setting for crossdressers to meet like-minded folks. Orientation is not considered. Interview before coming to the first party. ☎ (612) 229-3613

DISTRICT 202:
2524 Nicollet Ave., So. Minneapolis MN 55408
Safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth to be with peers.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM:
c/o Program in Human Sexuality, 1300 South 2nd Street, Ste 180 Minneapolis, MN 55454
A professionally managed gender program based on the HBIGDA's *Standards of Care*. Administered by the Department of Family Practice and Community Health, University of Minnesota Medical School. Comprehensive evaluation, gender dysphoria is clarified through psychotherapy. Services include an ongoing psychotherapy group for sex reassigned transsexuals, psychological services for families and friends, evaluation and treatment of gender dysphoric children and adolescents, complete physical health care. ☎ (612) 625 1500, FAX (612) 626-8311

TRANSGENDER HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAM:
Program in Human Sexuality, Dept. of Family Practice and Community Health, U. of Minnesota Medical School, 1300 So. 2nd Street, Suite 180, Minneapolis MN 55454
In collaboration with the City of Lakes Crossgender Community, the Minnesota Freedom of Gender Expression, the Minnesota AIDS Project, and the Aliveness Project, the Program in Human Sexuality offers an HIV/AIDS education-prevention program for crossdressing, transgender and transsexual persons and their partners. In addition, the Program provides psychological health care and support for transgender persons with HIV/AIDS.
☎ (612) 625-1500, FAX (612) 626-8311

NORTH DAKOTA (570-577)
SOUTH DAKOTA (580-599)
MONTANA (590-599)

ILLINOIS (600-629)

▲- **CHI CHAPTER - TRI-ESS**: P O Box 40, Wood Dale IL 60191-0040
Social activities, a support group for wives and girlfriends, a help line, library, speakers' bureau, and co-sponsor of Be All You Want To Be weekend. Meetings the 3rd Saturday of each month, annual family picnic, Awards Banquet, Christmas Party.
☎ (708) 364-9514 ⇨ Newsletter

TS - **THE SUNDAY SOCIETY**: P O Box 478850, Chicago IL 60647
Sampognaro and Louise L. Raeder
Outreach and support organization. Meetings the 3rd Sunday of each month. Operate a BBS. Telephone interview or previous contact required to attend meetings.
☎ (312) 486-3125 (312) 252-7024, Sheila L.

TV/TS/SO - **CHICAGO GENDER SOCIETY**: CGS, P O Box 578005, Chicago IL 60657

Social and educational support group. Meets on the second Tuesday and socials on fourth Tuesday and fourth Saturday each month. Professional referrals, business and social events several times a month, annual Miss CGS Pageant, picnics, mail forwarding.
☎ (708) 863-7714 ↪ *The Primrose*

TV/TS/SO - **CENTRAL ILLINOIS GENDER ASSOCIATION** : CIGA, P O Box 182, Washington IL 61571

Information on specific areas of gender dysphoria is available to members through our library system. Speakers provided to the general public on some subjects. Meetings are on the 2nd Sunday. Interview required. ☎ (309) 444-9918, JoAnn ↪ Monthly newsletter

RONALD B. BARON, MD.
2120 Sheridan Road, Highland Park IL 60035

Private practice of psychiatry. Medical psychotherapy; sex therapy; psychiatric consultations. ☎ (708) 432-7007

RANDI ETTNER, PhD:
1214 Lake Street, Evanston IL 60201

Clinical psychologist specializing in gender dysphoria, and professionally associated with Eugene Schrang, MD in Wisconsin. Preoperative evaluation, pre- and postoperative counseling for transition and beyond. ☎ (708) 328-3433

MISSOURI (630-658)

TV/TS/SO - **ST LOUIS GENDER FOUNDATION**: St L G F, P O Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117

MAGGIE affiliate. Oppen support group. Meets monthly on the third Saturday in a private, social atmosphere at a leading hotel to provide support, shared professional knowledge, confidence building, and fun. Changing facilities, makeup workshops, clothing exchange, guest speakers, library, professional referral, occasional events. Club business cards, and a membership directory. An SOs' group meets for professionals and significant others. ☎ Voice mailbox: (314) 997-9897. Please leave contact information.
↪ *Gateway Femmes Gazette*

TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON: Non-prisoners contact DEE FARMER, 23288037, P O Box 4000, Springfield MO 65808. Prisoners contact Mrs. PATRICIA FISHER, Succ 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-Neiges Blvd, Montreal, QC, CANADA H3S 2S6

Education, advocacy, and legal support. ↪ Quarterly newsletter

TV/TS -**MID-AMERICA GENDER GROUP INFORMATION EXCHANGE** (MAGGIE): c/o Jennifer Richards, St. Louis Gender Foundation, P O Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117

Coalition of five mid-American gender associations: St. Louis Gender Foundation, Kansas City Crossdressers and Friends, Iowa Artistry. Wichita Transgender Alliance, and Omaha River City Gender Alliance.

TS - **GENDER DYSPHORIA SUPPORT:** Box 45124, Kansas City MO 64111

Support group for people in transition, or who have changed gender and their significant others. Provides services to F-Ms and M-Fs equally. Open to all sexual orientations. Meetings every other Friday evening. Contact Joan Cunningham, ☎ (816) 241-1411

KANSAS (660-679)

TV/TS/SO -**CROSSDRESSERS AND FRIENDS**: CAF, Box 4092, Overland Park KS 66204

MAGGIE affiliate. Fall Harvest Weekend, regional conference with MAGGIE every fall. Social and educational support group. Meetings on the first Thursday each month. Business meeting/social night the third Saturday of each month. Partner support, Big Sister program. ↪ Newsletter ☎ (913) 791-3947

TV/TS - **WICHITA TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE:** P O Box 315, Kechi KS 67067

MAGGIE affiliate. Peer support group open to anyone regardless of sex, sexual preference, race, or religion. Bi-weekly meetings at a local church; small donation requested, but not required. WTA provides mutual support, social get-togethers, referrals to sympathetic professionals. Changing facilities, brochures. A chat with an officer of the Alliance required to ensure that you'd benefit . ↪ Newsletter

CD RESEARCH CENTER Rebecca Gail Croslove,
418 Linn Street, Leavenworth KS 66048-3437

NEBRASKA (680-693)

TV/TS/SO - **RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE**: RCGA, P O Box 680, Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680

MAGGIE affiliate. Educational, support, and social group. Monthly meetings, a bi-monthly newsletter, referrals for professional counseling, personal listings, social opportunities, changing facilities, and library. Screening required . ↪ *The Transformer*

LOUISIANA (700-714)

TV/TS/SO - **GULF AREA GENDER ALLIANCE:** Box 870213, New Orleans LA 70187-1300

Open support group. No longer a Tri-Ess chapter. Spouses and SOs invited to participate. Meetings the second Saturday of each month in New Orleans. ↪ *The Flip Side*

ARKANSAS (716-729)

▲ - **WIVES'/PARTNERS' CONCERNS**: Linda Peacock, P O Box 24031, Little Rock AR 72221

Membership fee for wives/partners is $10 per year. This includes membership in Tri-Ess and subscription to quarterly *Sweetheart Connection*. An additional $25 is required if you also want to get the *Femme Mirror*. ↪ *Sweetheart Connection*

▲ - **MU SIGMA, TRI-ESS:** P O Box 61, Jonesboro AR 72403

See Society for Second Self, Tulare CA

OKLAHOMA (730-749)

▲ - **SIGMA BETA**: P O Box 42122, Oklahoma City OK 73123

Social/support group for heterosexual crossdressers, their significant others, and families.

TV/TS - **CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL**: C.D.I., c/o Ms Gwen Pete, P O Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104

Social organization and support group . No one excluded for sex or sexual preference. Get-togethers every other Saturday and someone is generally available for telephone contact 7 days a week. We listen, talk, and offer support for all phases of transgenderism.
☎ (918) 582-6643/835-5334

TV/TS - **DESIRE**: c/o Ms.Gwen Pete, P O Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104

For all sisters and spouses. Will answer all questions on femme males and personal problems. Suicide is not the answer. I know. Fee: be a friend to the needy.

TEXAS (750-799)

FTM - **RECAST EDUCATIONAL AND INFORMATIONAL NETWORK:** ReCast, P O Box 224001, Dallas TX 75222-4001

National FTM support organization. Interacts with psychiatrists, psychologists, therapists and other professionals. Gives seminars on gender issues. Offers F2M educational material. Local bi-monthly meetings, international FTM network. ↪ *En*Gender*

SO - **SIGNIFICANT OTHER SUPPORT:** SOS, c/o ReCast, P O Box 224001, Dallas TX 75222-4001

Support and information for partners, families and friends of Female-to-Male transgendered or transsexual persons. Group works through a quarterly column in several F2M newsletters. Call or write to share with someone who has been down the same path.
☎ (214) 641-4842 Rebecca

▲ - **DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER**: P O Box 1021, Arlington TX 76004-1021.

Serving the transgender community of the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Meetings every second Saturday of the month in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Help Me, Accept Me discussion group meets on third Monday of each month at 7:30pm. ☎(817) 429-1929
↪ *The Texas Rose*

TS - **TS-PEER SUPPORT MEETINGS:** Alice Webb, MSW, Atrium Crest Blg., 18333 Egret Bay Blvd., Ste560, Houston TX 77058
Peer support meetings in the Clear Lake area, $5 charge for refreshments. Please call before coming. ☎ (713) 333-2278

TV/TS/SO - **GULF COAST TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY**: GCTC, P O Box 66643, Houston TX 77266
Social organization. Meetings second Saturday each month. Group discussion, noon on first Tuesday and evening on third Thursday. Co-sponsors International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy. Interview for new members.
☎ (713) 780-GCTC, (713) 780-4282 voice *Gulf Coast Transgender Community*

TS/SO - **TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF TRANSSEXUALS**: TATS, P O Box 142, Bellaire TX 77401 Taylor Montgomery
Guys' Social, Gals' Social, Combo Social. Must contact before attending.
Newsletter ☎(713) 827-5913 voice mail

▲ - **TAU CHI CHAPTER -TRI ESS**: Box 1105, Alief TX 77411-1105
Meetings the third Saturday of the month in the Houston area. Wives and Partners Auxiliary meets the second Friday of the month. Boys R Us meets monthly (meet male self)Heterosexual Cross-dressers Anonymous (HCDA) meets every Wednesday evening. Screening required for new members. ☎ (713) 988-8064 voice. *Femme Forum*

SO - **WATS**: P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163
A support group for women involved with transgendered men. Names are confidential.
☎ (210) 980-7788, before 9:00pm CT, please. *Partners*

TV/TS/SO - **BOULTON AND PARK SOCIETY**: P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163
Peer support for people with any gender transposed nature. Meetings the first Saturday of each month, local referrals, outreach, reference library, sponsors annual Texas T Party, spouse/partner support through Women Associated with Transgendered Support (WATS), couples support, TS issues group. Screened prior to meeting attendance.
☎ (210) 980-7788 *Gender Euphoria*

T S - **SAN ANTONIO TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP:** SATSG, P O Box 12913, San Antonio TX 78212
Affiliated professionals available for help and support. Meetings the third Saturday of each month. Interview required. Monthly newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **AUSTIN SECOND IMAGE:** P O Box 14965, Austin TX 78761
All enjoy full membership/voting rights. *Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Walk beside me and just be my friend.*- Camus. Monthly meeting, Austin area. Personal interview. ☎ (512) 515-5460 Wed. 7-9pm

▲ - **ALPHA CHI CHAPTER of TRI-ESS:** P O Box 50266, Amarillo TX 79159
Monthly meetings on the first Saturday of each month in Amarillo, TX area.
☎ (806) 359-7714, most evenings except Wednesdays and Sundays.

TV/TS - **WEST TEXAS GENDER ALLIANCE**: c/o Tami Maloney, P O Box 6726, Abilene TX 79608
Group meets the second Saturday of each month in Abilene, Texas. Personal interview.

THE CENTER FOR CHANGE, DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT: 7525 John T. White Road, Fort Worth TX 76120, Dr. George Carpenter, Director for Transgender Medical Therapy.
Comprehensive medical practice. HIV specialized physicians, psychiatrist, psychotherapists, registered massage therapy, hypnotherapist. Care for crossdressing, transgendered, and transsexual persons and their partners. Complete treatment plans. Surgical referrals as indicated. Member HBIGDA. ☎ (817) 429-4706

ROSENBERG CLINIC, Gender Treatment Program
1103 Rosenberg, Galveston TX 77550
Formerly the Gender Clinic, University of Texas Medical Branch. Since the mid-'70s professional services rendered to the transgender community throughout the Southern U.S. Subscribe to the *Standards of Care*. Support group meetings held so new and old clients can meet and share experiences. Treatment services are available to those not specifically seeking surgical intervention. ☎ (409) 763-0016

COLORADO (800-816)

SO -**TEENAGE KIDS OF Ts**: TAKOTS, c/o Laurie Ciccotello, 1740 S. Buckley Road #6-178, Aurora CO 80017
Support group for children of T-persons.

▲ - **DELTA CHAPTER TRI-ESS (Denver)**: P O Box 16208, Denver CO 80216
A support/social group with monthly meetings and activities, addressed to the issues of the crossdresser and family. Established wives' network, directory of commercial services and correspondence. Screening interview before attending. *Femme Mirror*

TV/TS - **GENDER IDENTITY CENTER OF COLORADO, INC.**: GIC, 7951 W. Mississippi Avenue, Suite B, Lakewood CO 80226-4325
Educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community. GIC provides information and education on the issues of crossdressing and gender conflict through a library of books and journal articles, rap sessions, workshops and seminars, and guest speakers from various areas of the community. GIC also provides a Speakers' Bureau and a 24-hour hotline. Long distance calls will be returned collect if you so indicate when you leave a message. ☎ (303) 763-5097

TV/TS - **SOUTHERN COLORADO CHAPTER OF GIC**: Contact GIC.
An educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. Call for directions to the meeting. ☎ (303) 458 -5378

TV/TS - **NORTHERN COLORADO/WYOMING CHAPTER OF GIC**:
Contact - Gender Identity Center. An educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community. Meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm. Call the Center for directions to the meeting place. ☎ (303) 458 -5378

INSTITUTE FOR GENDER STUDY AND TREATMENT:
Tomye Kelley, MA, P O Box 126, Arvada CO 80001
Practice limited to work with CDs, the gender conflicted, and their significant others. Private one-on-one psychotherapy, weekly support groups, process groups for those in or preparing for transition. Professional Speakers' Forum.
☎ (303) 420-9885

DEB-ANN THOMPSON, PhD, NCACII, CACIII: 2755 S. Locust Street, Suite #207, Denver CO 80222
Psychotherapist.
☎ (303) 758-6634

WYOMING (820-831)

TG/TS - **CENTRAL WYOMING TRANSGENDER SUPPORT GROUP**: 4820 South Ash, Casper WY 82601
Open TG/TS support group. Weekly meetings on Friday. ☎ (307) 473-2429

TV/TS - **WYOMING GENDER IDENTITY CENTER, N.COLORADO CHAPTER, GENDER IDENTITY CENTER**:
Contact via the Institute for Gender Study and Treatment, Colorado .Call for information and directions .
☎ (303) 458-5378

IDAHO (832-838)

UTAH (840-847)

▲ - **ALPHA RHO, SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER, TRI-ESS**: Alpha Rho, P O Box 571242, Murray UT 84157-1242
Support group for heterosexual Male-to-Female crossdressers and their families.
☎ (901) 553-8141

TENDERLY SUPPORTIVE GENDER SUPPORT NETWORK:
TSGSN, P O Box 571044, Salt Lake City UT 84157.
Meetings every other Saturday. Entrance by application. ☎(801)297-5065

ARIZONA (850-864)

TV/TS - **A ROSE**: P O Box 82813, Phoenix AZ 85071-2813
All are welcome: M-F, F-M. Offering support, problem solving and friendship regardless of your orientation or practices. *A Rose News*

▲ - **ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER**: P OBox 1738, Tempe AZ 85281-1254
A support group offering social activities, monthly meetings. Before attending, an interview with a chapter officer is required. *The Cactus Flower*

TV/TS/Gay CD - **SORORITY:**
Support group for the members, families and friends. No structured fees or mandatory dress laws. Inquire. ☎(602) 293-3456

TV/TS - **GENDER CRISIS HELP LINE-WORLD WIDE**: 3332 N. Romero Road, #13, Tucson AZ 85705. Karen Davies
Information and referral service for TS, TV, lesbian and gay communities. Free counseling /therapy. Calls confidential. Leave message. ☎ (602) 293-3456 night or day

TV/TS - **THE RAINBOW PEOPLE**: P O B 36142, Tucson AZ 85740-6142
An open group for TS/TV, drag queens, feminine males, masculine females and all transgendered and intersexed people.

COUNSELING ASSOCIATES: Ginnie Monroe Grant, CISW,
5440 S. Clambake, Tempe AZ 85283
Individual, family and small group counseling and education for all gender issues. Insurance accepted as full fee, sliding scale, available evenings, days, weekends.
☎ (602) 897-0444

SHEILA FRIEDEMAN,PhD:
3930 East Camelback Rd, # 205,Phoenix AZ 85018
Clinical psychologist experienced in individual, couples and family TV/TS and gender identity counseling. Referrals. Uses Harry Benjamin Standards of Care.
☎ (602) 956-3006

NEW MEXICO (870-884)

▲ - **FIESTA! Chapter of Tri Ess**: 8200 Montgomery NE, #241, Albuquerque NM 87109.
Social support group, the Phi Chapter of Tri-Ess. Monthly meetings in the Albuquerque area. Screening required for new members. *Fiesta!*

NEVADA (890-898)

TV/TS/SO -**JENNIFER & FRIENDS**: P O Box 1284, Sparks NV 89432
Social support group meets once a month. Only members may come to meetings.

TRANSITIONS SUPPORT GROUP: Coordinator/facilitator Marty B.
Open support group for gender community, SOs, professionals. Meetings second and fourth Saturdays each month, 6:00pm, Community Counseling Center, 1006 E. Sahara, Las Vegas NV. Quarterly socials. Screening required. ☎ (702) 594-7884

CARING COUNSELING:
Nancy Lee, PhD, 2061 Market Street, Reno NV 89502
Individual, couple, group and family counseling. Gender identity and sexuality issues, validation of individuality. One- or two-hour sessions. ☎ (702) 322-7771

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA(900-960)

TG/TS/SO - **MINORITY AIDS PROJECT**: 5149 W. Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90016
Discussion and rap groups conducted by the Project's TS/TG program for TG/TS persons and their SOs. HIV/AIDS information, hormone treatment, support groups and more. ☎(213) 936-9338

TS - **AMERICAN TRANSSEXUAL EDUCATION CENTER:** A.T.E.C, 1626 N. Wilcox Ave, #584, Hollywood CA 90028 Amanda Silvestri, Director.
Serving the transgender and tran-ssexual community, a confidential and non-judgmental telephone crisis and personal counseling, referrals to support groups in your area, electrologists, medical/psychological help, speakers, & newsletter. ☎ (213) 389-6938

▲ - **ALPHA CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS**: P O Box 36091, Los Angeles CA 90036, ask for Virginia. Kym Richards, Pres., Virginia Prince Founder.
Los Angeles Chapter of the Society for the Second Self, incorporating both the Sigma Chi and Lambda Alpha Chapters. Monthly meetings to offer support to heterosexual CDs and their wives/partners/families. ☎ (213) 876-6141 *Alpha Bits*

TV/TG/TS/SO - **GENDER AWARENESS LEAGUE**: c/o Grace Bredow, P O Box 46062, Los Angeles CA 90046
For individuals and loved ones related to gender issues. Meetings every Monday night 8-10pm at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 1625 Hudson Street, Room #109, Los Angeles.

TV - **ANDROGYNY**: P O Box 480740, Los Angeles CA 90004
Social and support group for those who crossdress. Meet on Tuesday nights from 8:00-10:00pm in Santa Monica, CA. Mention that you are calling about Androgyny. 9:00am - 9:00pm PT. ☎ (213) 467-8317, Shiela or Shirley

TG/SO - **GENDER EXPRESSIONS**: P O Box 816, Lakewood, CA 90714-0816
Outreach for TG people and their families. Group meetings, outings and seminars. Listings of books,tapes and organizations. ☎ (310) 869-4241, FAX 869-5662

TV/TS - **CLUB CHERCHEZ LA FEMME:** P O Box 14521 Long Beach CA 90803
Private membership club for those who appreciate the drag scene. Once-a-month dance party with cover charge discounts for members. Can include discount with some merchants catering to TVs. Send SASE for details.

TV/TS - **ON THE SCENE NIGHT:** Marlayna Lacie, 1856 Cherry #608, Long Beach CA 90806
Sponsor open parties for ladies to come out and meet friends old and new. Everyone welcome. On the Scene Night the second Saturday of every month, and Fantasy Fetish Fashion Night the fourth Saturday of every month at the Queen Mary Show Lounge in Studio City. *TV Epic*

TV/SO - **CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB**: CHIC, P O Box 562, Duarte CA 91009
For heterosexual CDs only, their wives, professional people (MDs, psychologists, teachers, etc.), and friends. We are a local Southern California organization. We offer support and friendship, and stress security and good manners. Meetings, parties, monthly dinners, and seminars on makeup, wigs, clothes, and other topics of interest. Sponsor educational programs for the public. Meetings held 2nd Saturday night of each month. Meetings are for members and approved guests. ☎ Information/Speakers Bureau: (714) 993-7142. *CHIC Clippings*

CD/TS - **CD SOCIAL GROUP**
P O Box 224, Montrose CA 91021
A group free of politics with never a dull moment. Write for information.

CD/TS/SO - **BORN FREE:**:
PO Box 1897, Corona CA 91720
Monthly dinner meeting with guest speaker for members of the gender community, their family and friends. Planned members-only outings from time to time. $40 per year. Screening required. *Born Free*

TV/TS/SO - **NEUTRAL CORNER**: P O Box 12581, San Diego CA 92112
A self-help group to help its members live normal and productive lives. Serving San Diego County with social and educational programs, a communication network, monthly meetings, monthly newsletter, membership consulting, wives' and families' input.
☎ (619) 685-3696 *Reflections*

TS - **PHOENIX RISING**:
c/o Kristen Dixon, P O Box 632852, San Diego CA 92163-2852
A support/social group for transsexuals in transition. Weekly meetings offering mutual support and friendship. Sharing resources, knowledge, hope. No dues or fees required.

LOVED ONES OF TRANSSEXUALS
Monthly support group for family, friends of transsexuals and interested medical professionals facilitated by Jeanee Ebner, a mother of a post-op TS. Meets the second Thursday of each month. Specifically for TSs and their affiliates.
☎(714) 786-6891

LADIES KNIGHT OUT: P O Box 19608-179, Irvine CA 92713
Heterosexual crossdressing couples' support group. Monthly BBQs, potlucks, and parties supplemented by outings to a variety of places for fun. Call or write. ☎ (714) 262-9105

▲ - **OMEGA CHI TRI-ESS (Orange County, CA):** P O Box 1088, Yorba Linda CA 92686 Contact Joan Goodnight
Social support group. See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

TV/TS/SO - **POWDER PUFFS OF CALIFORNIA:** PPOC, P O Box 1088, Yorba Linda CA 92686
Open social and support group. Meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of each month. Hosts annual anniversary and Christmas dinners. Sponsors annual weekend event in April/May, Califomia Dreamin'. Founding member of Southern Cal.Gender Leadership Council. Interview by club officer is required. ☎ (714) 779-9013 weekdays 9:00 to 9:00 pm PT, leave message. *PPOC Girl Talk*

▲ - **TRI-CHI - TRI ESS:** P O Box 194, Tulare CA 93275
Social and support group for crossdressers and their significant others. See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA

▲ - **SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF:** Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare CA 93275
Tri-Ess is a non-profit organization exclusively for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Tri-Ess provides a correspondence directory, a directory of commercial services, and chapters throughout the US. Membership and attendance at a local chapter meeting requires an interview with the chapter president or older member to ensure that the applicant is heterosexual , complies with Tri-Ess code of conduct. ☎ (209) 688-9246
Femme Mirror

GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC.:
32158 Camino Capistrano, Suite 203, San Juan Capistrano CA 92675 Wm. G. Heard, PhD,Director.
Program for gender dysphoric persons. Evaluative and treatment techniques developed which permit extensive screening and interaction of the patient at minimum cost, integrating the patient into the mainstream of society. Permits the patient to explore alternatives to sex reassignment while providing an effective support mechanism during transition. 4-block procedure consisting of intake, transition/support, surgery approval/disapproval, follow-up. ☎ (714) 240-7020

BRAD TAYLOR, MA
Offices of Jerome Rabow,PhD, 10350Santa Monica Blvd. Ste 310 Los Angeles CA 90025
Registered Marriage Family Child Counselor Intern. Works with couples and individuals on issues related to transvestism/crossdressing. ☎ (310) 576-5455

LOS ANGELES GENDER CENTER: LAGC, 3331 Ocean Park Blvd., Ste 100, Santa Monica CA 90405. Marie Keller, MFCC
LAGC is a collaborative of mental health professionals who provide treatment for individuals and their families dealing with gender-related issues. Individual, family, group therapy and educational services related to CD/TS/lesbian/gay/bisexual issues. Screening session with psychotherapist needed.

ROXANNE CHERRY, PhD:
343 3rd Street, Laguna Beach CA 92651
Licensed marriage family child therapist. Individual, couple, group psychotherapy, gender dysphoria, sexual orientation issues.
☎ (714) 497-9925

THE PRINCE INSTITUTE: P O Box 2916, Palm Springs CA 92263 Angela Prince, Ph.D. Director
A private transgender awareness center offering counselling, education, and support services. Individual and/or group counselling primarily for the cross-dresser/transvestite and/or his significant other. Trans-gender, human sexuality, and personal development classes, seminars, and workshops are also available. Services may be conducted through office visits, by telephone, or correspondence.

INFO LINK ORANGE COUNTY:
Free, confidential referrals to over 3000 agencies.
Also available in Spanish and TDD. ☎ (714) 851-2883

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (900-960)

TV/TS - **TRANSGENDER NATION SAN FRANCISCO:**
584 Castro, Box 288, San Francisco CA 94114-2588
Focus group of Queer Nation working through direct action for transgender liberation. Been transphobed? Give us a call , have a chat with your oppressors. Stay together. Check your buddy. ☎ (415) 863-6717

FTM - **FPSG:** #634, P O Box 410-990, San Francisco CA 94141-0990
Support group for FTM TSs of COLOR ONLY. Bi-weekly meetings dealing with crossliving, survival, legal matters, personal issues, etc. This is a welcoming and non-judgmental atmosphere. We support and respect men who live without hormones to men who are post-mastectomy, as well as gay, bisexual and straight FTM men.

TV/TS - **SAN FRANCISCO GENDER INFORMATION:** SFGI, P O Box 423602, San Francisco CA 94142-3602, Christine Beatty.
Maintains database of transgender resources for San Francisco Bay area. Maintains list of speakers for public speaking on gender issues. Database printout including bibliography for $3.00. Send SASE for further info.

TV/TS/SO - **EDUCATIONAL TV CHANNEL:** ETVC, P O Box 426486, San Francisco CA 94142-6486
ETVC is a delightful group of TVs, TSs, SOs, and friends. It is intended as a social , educational group, to meet and to have a good time as well as educate the public. ETVC has an open membership policy with over 400 members and provides a full program of educational and social activities and referrals. ☎ (510) 549-2665
if no answer call Telzey at (510) 849-4112 *ETVC Newsletter*

SIGNIFICANT OTHERS SUPPORT: SOS, c/o ETVC, P O Box 426486, San Francisco CA 94142-6486
Affiliated with ETVC. An educational and support organization for the Significant Others of CD/TSs. Meetings , Newsletter

DIABLO VALLEY GIRLS: DVG, P O Box 272885, Concord CA 94527-2885
Informal, social support group. Meetings the first Tuesday and third Monday of every month at 8 pm, at Just Rewards, 2520 Camino Diablo, Walnut Creek. DVG is an open group and welcomes all mature and responsible persons. ☎ (510) 937-8432 answered live weekday evenings 7-9 pm Pacific Time.
Devil Woman

SOCIETY FOR INITIATIVES AND SERVICES IN TRANSGENDER ISSUES (SISTI): P O Box 30844, Oakland CA 94604-0844
Social support and empowerment gathering for Transgendered individuals. Issues addressed include HIV/AIDS care, risk reduction, outreach, family and mental health issues. Counseling is also provided. ☎ (510) 601-7975 Sharon Grayson
(510) 601-9066 AMASSI

FTM/SO - **FEMALE-TO-MALE:** FTM, 5337 College Avenue #142, Oakland CA 94618
Monthly support group exclusively for female-to-male crossdressers, TSs, and their significant others. Quarterly FTM newsletter $15.00/yr ($20 Inter.). Professional sub. rate $25.00/yr. FTM Resource Guide $5.00. Inquire. Newsletter

TV - **THURSDAY IRREGULARS:** c/o Joan Sheldon, P O Box 6541, San Jose CA 95150-6541
For over 10 years a group of TVs and their friends have met every Thursday for lunch. An informal discussion group and meeting of good friends. Participants come as their "male" selves. Group security conscious, so inquire about requirements.

TV/TS/SO - **RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION**: RGA, P O Box 700730, San Jose CA 95170

Formerly San Jose Chapter, GGA. Social/support group regardless of gender or sexual orientation. Safe and welcome place for all to get together with like-minded individuals. Meetings first and third Fridays of each month. We reach out to all transsexuals and transvestites in an effort to help them accept, make peace with themselves. Visitors welcome. ☞ Newsletter ☎(408) 984-4044 warmline

TV/TS/SO - **SACRAMENTO GENDER ASSOCIATION:** SGA, Blue Rose Chapter, P O Box 215456, Sacramento CA 95821-1456

SGA is a non-sexual membership-based organization serving the educational, social, and recreational needs of the gender-challenged community. Membership is open to all interested persons regard-less of gender or sexual orientation. Monthly socials, support groups . ☎ (800) 585-7742 ☞ Newsletter

▲ - **SIGMA SIGMA BETA - TRI ESS (Sierra Silver Bells):** SSB, P O Box 19933, S. Lake Tahoe CA 96151.See, Society for the Second Self,Tulare CA.

WILLIAM A. HENKIN, PhD: 1801 Bush Street, Suite 111, San Francisco CA 94109

Psychotherapist and board certified sex therapist specializing in work with adults living alternative sex and gender lifestyles. Gender identity concerns and transitions, SM/DS/BD, infantilism, sexual orientation including attention to dissociative states, depression , anxiety, shame, guilt. Individuals, significant others, couples. ☎(415) 923-1150

GENDER COMMUNITY ADVOCATES: No longer active.

GENDER & SELF ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM: GSAP, P O Box 424447, San Francisco CA 94142 Gianna Eveling Israel, Director.

A private personal growth counseling program providing individual, couple, and small group sessions focusing on gender, self & social acceptance, whole-self integration, coming-out, cross-dressing, HIV concerns, and ACA/Co-dependency issues. Short & long-term counseling, small group support and quarterly weekend workshops focusing on gender & acceptance/integration issues. Sliding scale fee. Serving TSs, TVs, and other minorities. Provide professional counseling & training. ☎ (415) 558-8058

TENDERLOIN SELF-HELP CENTER: 191 Golden Gate Ave, San Francisco CA 94102

We are an innovative, non-traditional mental health program. We are a project of Central City Hospitality House. Training in peer counseling, support group facilitation, job training. We offer peer counseling, TV/TS support groups, A.A., shelter referrals and emergency medical care referrals, and other basic survival needs. We serve the Tenderloin/'South of Market' communities of San Francisco. ☎ (415) 554-0518

REBECCA AUGE, PhD: 3637 Grand Ave., Suite C, Oakland CA 94610

Clinical Psychologist working with patients on gender issues, gender dysphoria, crossdressing, gender role transition, couples issues, child abuse, dysfunctional family histories, among others. Member of HBIGDA, uses Standards of Care. a sliding fee scale. ☎ (415) 426-0718 or 835-9820.

HARRY BENJAMIN INTERNATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ASSOCIATION: HBIGDA, P O Box 1718, Sonoma CA 95476.

Resource for professionals who work with gender dysphoric patients. Established the *Standards of Care*, the international guideline for the treatment of gender dysphoria. ☎ (707) 938-2871

ANNE VITALE, PhD: D Street Counseling Group, 610 D St., San Rafael CA 94901

Psychotherapist specializing in gender-related issues. Counseling Psychologist. Post-op TS (Jan. 1980). In private practice since 1984. Member of HBIGDA and Bay Area Gender Associates. I provide complete pre- and post-op psychotherapy, and make recommendations for hormonal therapy and sex reassignment surgery when applicable. Gender issues group work available and recommended. ☎ (415) 456-4452

JEANNE M. WEST: 450 San Antonio Road #50, Palo Alto CA 94306;

Behavioral therapist. Experienced with the gender community. Private sessions. Confidential. ☎(415) 494-2952

HAWAII (967-969)

HAWAII TRANSGENDERED OUTREACH: P O Box 4530, Honolulu HI 96812-4530

Social and support group . Bi-weekly meetings held at private location. Support groups, referrals, information. ☎ (808) 923-4270 ☞ Newsletter

SEXUAL IDENTITY CENTER: SIC, Box 3224, Honolulu HI 96801-3224

Therapists, referrals, special support group for TVs and TSs. ☎ (808) 926-1000

OREGON (970-979)

CD - **NORTHWEST GENDER ALLIANCE**: NWGA, P O Box 4928, Portland OR 97208

A social organization serving the crossdressing community. The Northwest Chapter has at least one function a month. The days vary in order to enable all to attend as often as possible. ☎ (503) 646-2802 ☞ Newsletter

TV/TG/TS/SO - **TRANS-PORT**: P O Box 66913, Portland OR 97290-6913

Peer support group for all transgendered individuals, their families and friends. One general meeting a month and several suppport meetings. Call for times and locations. Yearly dues $36 and $6 for partner. Screening interview required for new members. ☞ *TRANS-PORT* ☎ (503) 774-8463

TV/TS/SO - **CAPITOL CITY CHAPTER**: P O Box 3312, Salem OR 97302

Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers, transsexuals, and significant others. Support rap sessions, social events, assistance available for wig, makeup, clothing and demeanor. Monthly meetings. Individuals will be screened.

TS - **SALMACIS**: The Equalitarian Feminist Social Society, Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604 Sally Ann Douglas, Social Director; Leslie-Shawn Witham, hypnotherapist

Salmacis is a social support society devoted to the concept of feminism, supporting all those who are or desire to become women. Direct telephone counseling, contact with others with similar interests, contact with our central organization and other organizations, and personal growth workshops. Salmacis meets the 3rd Monday of every month, 8PM at the Riv, 39 W. 10th St., Eugene, OR. ☎ (503) 688-4282 (Sally Ann, 6-11 PM PST). ☞ *Femmes Together* and *The Equalitarian Feminist*

TS - **SALISHON, The Womyn's Information Network**: SALISHON, Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604 Leslie-Shawn Witham, Director.

A service and information network for womyn who perceive themselves living an alternative lifestyle. The only femininity clinic for males and she-males that is run by a staff of professional women.

WASHINGTON (980-994)

TS /SO - **TRANSSEXUAL LESBIANS AND FRIENDS**: TLF, Seattle WA

Open to the gay and transgendered community as well. We seek strength through diversity. Meetings every Friday at 6:30pm. Call for location. Significant Others especially urged to attend. We plan monthly functions. There is no membership fee. New members are screened. Members must be drug and alcohol free. ☎ (206) 292-1037

TV/TS/SO - **EMERALD CITY**: P O Box 31318, Seattle WA 98103

Frequent social and educational events ranging from private to very public. Provides speakers and materials to the media and to public institutions to promote the acceptance of a variety of gender expressions. Attempts to influence legislation in ways favorable to individual rights. Assists partners of cross-dressers in obtaining understanding and acceptance. Partners welcome at meetings and eligible for membership. Guests are welcome at monthly meetings and at events when sponsored and escorted by a member. Prospective members must be sponsored. ☎ (206) 284-1071 ☞ Newsletter

THE INGERSOLL GENDER CENTER:
1812 East Madison, Seattle WA 98122

Ingersoll Gender Center is a non-profit counseling and referral service for the transsexual community in the Northwest. It is managed by a professional board and has eight experienced, licensed therapists with advanced degrees on contract. Ingersoll works closely with the Emerald City and Seattle Counseling Service. Individual and group counseling, professional consultation to service providers, referrals, research, and public information presentation. Weekly support meetings, public information presentations, research, and informational materials upon request. ☎ (206) 329-6651

ALASKA(995-999)

CD/TS - **THE BERDACHE SOCIETY:** c/o Nora Jean York, P O Box 92381, Anchorage AK 99509-2381 Nora Jean York, Co-founder

A social organization serving the crossdressing and transgendered community. Regular meeting schedule. Community service projects. IFGE fund raiser projects. Computer BBS. Alignment and participation with the local gay and lesbian community. Fun socials. Individuals will be screened prior to meeting with group. *The Berdache Voice*

ALASKAN T-PEOPLE: c/o Bobbie Wendy Tucey, P O Box 670349, Chugiak AK 99567-0349

Strictly social, not political in any way. Social activities for the whole family: fishing parties, outings, whatever. The purpose is for those of us who have our family's love and support to be able to do things with them.

CANADA

TS - **ETRE FEMME;QUEBEC TRANSEXUAL ASSOCIATION INC.**Mme Viviane Belanger, 84, Boul. des Allies, Quebec, P. Que., CANADA G1L 1Y2

French speaking transsexual support for both M-F and F-M. Monthly meetings, medical referrals, psychiatrists, psychologists, hormone therapy, and counselling service for parents of TSs. Private interview, after therapy group in the hospitals in Quebec City and Montreal. ☎ (418) 529-1152

TS/SO - **FACT - QUEBEC**: c/o Mrs. Patricia Fisher, Box 293, Cote de Neiges Post Office, 5858 Cote de Neiges Boulevard, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H3S 2S6

Closely affiliated with FACT - Ontario. A non-profit support organization for transsexuals, their relatives and friends, professionals and para-professionals working in the field of gender dysphoria, and others prepared to support the aims of the Foundation. Information distribution concerning transsexualism. Offers peer support and peer counseling. Organizes support groups across Canada wherever these are feasible and has area representatives wherever possible. Provides speakers on transsexualism to media, etc.

TS/SO - **TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON:** Succ 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-Neiges Blvd., Mon-treal, Quebec,CANADA H3S 2S6
Mrs. Patricia Fisher, Distribution Director/Canadian Regional Director,

Information network for incarcerated transsexuals, including transgendered persons as well. We provide referrals for medical, educational, and public facilities. Counseling services and working with the TS pursuing legal sanctions against their correctional facility with regards to medical care, education, and employment. All incoming mail is screened to ensure that the individual is a person in need of the services offered. newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **CLUB MET (Formerly TAM):** 4113 Dorion Street, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H2K 3B8

Social support group. Monthly formal meetings and various social activities. Bi-monthly bilingual newsletter. ☎ (514) 528-8874 *Garter Press*

TS/TV - **FACTT - OTTAWA**: Box 7421, Vanier, Ontario, CANADA K1L 8E4

Support group for transsexuals and transvestites. Meetings monthly on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Contact FACTT president through the Ottawa Gayline Arrange a call time.

TS - **TRANSITION SUPPORT**: c/o The Church Street Community Centre, 519 Church Street, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 2C9.

Annual membership fee. Meetings held at 7:30 pm on the second Friday of each month. Meetings are open to TVs, TSs, TGs, SOs, helping professionals, and interested, caring members of the general public. Inquire for details. *Trans News*

TV/TS - **STREET OUTREACH SERVICES**: SOS, 622 Yonge St, 2nd Fl, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 1Z8

Non-profit Anglican Houses program specifically designed to address the needs of youth, aged 16-24 years engaged in, or drifting towards, the lifestyle of prostitution. Drop-in center (M-F 9:30 am - 5:30 pm), rap groups, legal, medical and welfare consultants, street and office work with youth, AIDS program, one-to-one . ☎ (416) 926-0744 (24 hours)

TV/TG/TS/SO - **GENDER MOSAIC**: P O Box 7421, Vanier Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA K1L 8E4

Social support group open to all. Meetings twice a month, parties at other times. First Saturday is an alcohol-free social. Frequent informal activities outside the club. Referrals, help line, quarterly newsletter. Membership $40 per year. ☎ (819) 770-1945
Notes from the Underground

TV/TS/SO -**CANADIAN CROSSDRESSERS' CLUB**: Canadian CDC, 161 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M5A 2E4

FUN for CD, TS, TG, SOs, friends, female impersonators, and drag queens. Parties every Saturday night. Space for storage and changing, private transformation room, and two over-night guest rooms. Located in downtown Toronto. Modest screening process. ☎ (416) 921-6112 (24 hours) *CanadianCrossdresserMagazine*

TV/TS/SO - **PRAIRIE ROSE GENDER CLUB**: Box 23 Grp 4 RR1, Dugald, Manitoba, R0E 0K0 CANADA

Open, support, social and educational club with accent on fun and education. General meetings the first Thursday of the month, socialization meetings following Thursdays in Winnipeg. Write to get meeting date with an interviewer for required screening process. Also runs Gender Help Line in evenings. ☎(204) 257-2759

TV/TS/SO - **MONARCH SOCIAL CLUB**: MSC, Mississauga A, P O Box 386, Mississauga, Ontario, CANADA L5A 3A1

Social organization. Private/public functions,correspondence, peer linking service. Members receive *Crossdressers Resource and Survival Guide*. Sponsors annual Mardi Gras Weekend the first weekend in October. Membership interview. Newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB:** Box 2000, 6802 Ogden Rd. SE, Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T2C 1B4.

Social support group meetings the second Saturday and last Thursday of the month(7:30pm). Door fee for cost plus a little contribution to charity. Yearly membership $30 includes subscription to newsletter and membership card. New members must be screened. Must be member or invited guest to attend meetings. Bi-monthly newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB:** Box 33002 Glenwood P O , Edmonton, Alberta, CANADA T5P 4V8.

Social support groupmeeting twice a month. Bi-monthly newsletter. *Illusions*

TS - **TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP**: Dr. Angela Wensley, 14905 32nd Avenue, White Rock, British Columbia,CANADAV4P 1A4

Support group for transsexuals, including patients of the Gender Dysphoria Clinic in Vancouver, and individuals who have been referred to the clinic. Spouses and children are welcome, as are thosevisiting from other cities. Meet 7 - 11:00 pm every Wednesday. Locations vary, so inquire for meeting place. By member referral and/or private interview with member. Our policy is to be inclusive rather than exclusive. ☎ (604) 536-2053

TV/TS/SO - **DREAM GIRLS**: P O Box 535, Kamloops, British Columbia, CANADA V2C 5L7

Social support group. Bi-weekly meetings. Write for information. Interview required.

TS - **ZENITH FOUNDATION**: 8415 Granville Street, Box 46, Vancouver, B.C. CANADA V6P 4Z9

TS, TGs. Publishes educational / informational material. Group just forming. Referrals.

TV/TS/SO - **FOUNDATIONS FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TRANSGENDERED PEOPLE'S SOCIETY**: FATE, 1-1727 William Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V5L 2R5

Advocacy, peer counseling, education and awareness programs, weekly drop-in programs, monthly socials, referral services. Open organization. ☎ (604) 254-9591

TV/SO - **CORNBURY SOCIETY**: Box 3745, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V6B 3Z1

Monthly social meetings except June, July and August, for heterosexual crossdressers.

Changing facilities. Discreeet screening process. Wives and girlfriends welcome. Wig expert, cosmetician, shoe store, larger sizes clothing store, deportment expert.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, 250 College Street, Toronto,Ontario,CANADA M5T 1R8

Offers assessment and counseling for all gender dysphorics referred from any physician. Can include approval for reimbursement of reassignment surgery upon completion of established international criteria. Full assessments done over a three-day period. Weekly therapy available for those in area, referals for those further away. Staff is available for public speaking. ☎ (416) 979-2221, ext. 2339

GENDER DYSPHORIA CLINIC: Vancouver General Hospital, 715 West 12th Ave, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V5Z-1M9 Dr. Diane Watson, Director

Accepts referrals from the patient's general practitioner only. Patients must be residents of British Columbia. Staff includes two psychiatrists, an endocrinology consultant, a psychologist, a social worker, a nurse, two medical consultants, a speech-language pathologist and a coordinator. Psychiatric and psychological counseling, endocrinology, speech therapy. Thursday drop-in, 1:30-3:00pm. Several support groups work with the patients to decide appropriate course of action. SRS is not performed in British Columbia. Minimum of 12 months successful crossliving is required prior to consideration for surgery. ☎ (604) 875-4100

MEXICO

MORENA & ORTA GENDER ISSUES SPECIALISTS: Acoxpa And. 51 #17 duplex 2, Col. Villa Coapa, C. P. 14390, Mexico, D. F. MEXICO

Counseling, research and education for transvestites, transsexuals, gender conflicted persons and their families or others. Individual and couples conseling provided by Board Certified Sexologists. Transgender, human sexuality, couple, classes, seminars and workshops. Total confidentiality.
☎ & FAX 673-53-12

ARGENTINA

TS - **TRANSSEXUALS FOR THE RIGHT OF LIFE AND IDENTITY:** TRANSDEVI, Casilla de Correo 151, C.P. 1748 Gral. Rodriguez, Buenos Aires ARGENTINA

ENGLAND

TV - **BEAUMONT SOCIETY**: BM, Box 3084, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

Beaumont is a non-profit, non-sexual organization forcrssdressers throughout Great Britain. Evening and weekend functions, counselling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. Provide a library, legal advice, and a liaison and referral service , network of organizations throughout Great Britain, and affiliations worldwide. Interview with a qualified member. ☎ 071-756-1782 *The Beaumont Bulletin*

TS/SO - **WOBS-THE B S PARTNERS GROUP:** BM, WOBS, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

A support group for partners and families of crossdressers. Confidential support network with similar problems can be put in touch with each other and given sympathetic help.

TV/TS -**SEAHORSE SOCIETY:** BM Seahorse, Box 6093, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

A social organization for heterosexual transvestites and transsexuals, social events, etc. Confidentiality assured. Newsletter

TV/TS - **BEAUMONT TRUST:** BM Charity, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

Registered charity and voluntary body funded by donations. Assists those directly troubled by gender dysphoria or interested in their care. Provides referrals to appropriate organizations, professional counsellors, self-help groups, etc. Assists the gender dysphoric person and family to come to terms with problems.

TV/TS - **THE GENDER TRUST:** BM GENTRUST, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

A help group for those who consider themselves to be transsexual, gender dysphoric, or transgendered seeking to adjust their lives to live in the opposite gender. Help also available for family members. We can provide trained counsellors, psychologists, and psychotherapists, and there is a referral procedure to a choice of other therapists as well. Confidentiality assured. ☎ 071 730 7453 from 7-10pm Thursday (transsexuals) 7-10pm Tuesday (transvestites)

FTM - **FTM**: BM NETWORK, London, WC1N 3XX, ENGLAND

Social support group for female to male TSs. Quarterly newsletter, free, but donations requested. Annual meetings held in UK, and local friendship groups throughout the world. *Boy's Own*

TS - **THE GENDER DYSPHORIA TRUST (Formerly SHAFT):** BM, Box 7624, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

A self-help group for those who consider themselves to be transsexual. Handbook, and other relevant material. Confidential contact system for members. ☎ 0323 641100 *dyscourse*

TV - **TRANSVESTITE'S SELF HELP GROUP**: TSHG, P O Box 3281 London E1 6JG ENGLAND

This new group for CDs has been formed by ex-members of the defunct TV/TS Support Group. Offers a comfortable place to meet, good changing facilities, refreshments, and regular social events. ☎071 289 5240

TV/TS - **NEW TRANSESSEX**: P O Box 3, Basildon, Essex, England SS14 1PT

Social club. Meetings 4th Friday of every month. There is a quarterly magazine, and a help line. Inquire. Very secure. ☎ 0268-583761,Wed./ Sun.eves 7:00pm - 10:00pm. *Reflections*

TV/TS - **LIVERBIRDS, MERSEYSIDE TV/TS GROUP**: Merseyside TV/TS Group, c/o Friend Merseyside, 36 Bolton Street, Liverpool L3 5LX ENGLAND UK. D. S. Cochran, Secretary

See Beaumont Society. Above address is the Friend Merseyside, the local gay group. They are allowing us to use their place Fridays from 8-10pm. You would be well advised to call and confirm. ☎ 051 709 4745 Friday evenings only

TV/TS - **INTERNATIONAL GENDER TRANSIENT AFFINITY**: IGTA, c/o Miss Phaedra Kelly, Director, 1, Bank Buildings, School Green Road, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, P040 9AJ, UK of GB

An international network by mail and physical contact, serving front line community cases overseas, engaged in research, documentation, fact finding and rescue missions, linking Third World and politically endangered groups to free world groups. Education, information, active and exchange assistance, communication. No fees, but freewill contributions needed and welcome. Security applicable to location(s). Free World Transgendered individuals not interested in, or able to assist with work, please try other more social groups.

TV/TS/SO - **THE NORTHERN CONCORD (Manchester)**: Jenny Baker, P O Box 258, Manchester, M60 1LN ENGLAND

Asocial and support group associated with the Beaumont Society, and the TV/TS Support Group. Meetings at a Bistro in Manchester city every Wednesday night from 7:30 - 12:00. Changing facilities, licensed bar. Accomodation available. *Cross Talk*

TV/SO - **ROSE'S**: Roundel Street, Sheffield S9 3LE ENGLAND

International membership social and support group for all crossdressers and their partners. Members receive *Repartee* plus Rose's interim newsletters which include members'directory. Meetings on 2nd Fridays monthly in Sheffield, and at other times with local groups elsewhere. Full confidentiality assured. ☎ 0114 261 9444 *Repartee*

SCOTLAND

TV/TS/SO - **GRAMPIAN GENDER GROUP:** 3G, Aberdeen, SCOTLAND

Open to members of other groups. Third Saturday of each month except December, rooms open at 1pm for 2pm meeting, £2.00. Changing facilities or arrive dressed. Wives and partners welcome. Anne Forrester. *The Tartan Skirt* ☎ 03398 83695

TV/TS/SO - **CROSSLYNX**: c/o SLGS, P O Box 38, Glasgow, SCOTLAND G2 2QF.

Provide help and support to all. No individual will be excluded because of his sexual orientation. Meets in Glasgow on2nd Wednesday of each month. For details call Strath-

clyde Gay and Lesbian switchboard, 041-221-8372. We are aware of need for security.

CD/SO - **TRANS-TRAP (SCOTLAND)**: Miss Julie Bradshaw, 30/1 Halmyre Street, Edinburgh EH6 8QD SCOTLAND

Crossdressing counselling and information service set up to help all CDs, their families, partners, and relatives with their problems. It is run by Julie Bradshaw, a transsexual, and her partner Douglas who is not a crossdresser but is involved with the welfare of the partners of the crossdressers. Counselling one-on-one or with the partner or relative if so desired. Utmost discretion. Referrals to other helping professionals if necessary or desired. Trans-Trap is a voluntary service and is entirely funded by donations from clients and friends. Postal clients please send SAE. ☎ 031-555 6416

IRELAND

BELFAST BUTTERFLY CLUB: P O Box 210, Belfast BT11BGN, IRELAND

Social support group for TVs, TSs, friends. Meetings in Belfast on the first and third Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm to 11.30pm. Full program of activities.

FRANCE

ASSOCIATION BEAUMONT CONTINENTALE: c/o Gaby Linsig, 2 Rue des Charpentiers, 68270 Wittenheim, France. See, Beaumont Society, in the England listings.

CEMTOR(Sexologie et Developpement Hedonique):
6 rue de la Bascule, 45100 Orleans, FRANCE.
Advice, information, referrals, hypnosis, sexology and gender identity.

SWITZERLAND

KONTAKTFORUM FEMME TRAVESTIE: KFT, Postfach 6788, CH8023 Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Very active social group in Switzerland. Other details are unavailable at this time.

NETHERLANDS

TV/TS/SO - **DE STICHTING REBORN:** Maria Danneelserf 10, 2907 BD CAPELLE a/d IJSSEL, NETHERLANDS

Social support group. Meeting once a month in a private apartment on the second Friday, 21.00-02.00H. Small shop for clothes and accessories. Smaller meetings twice a week. Immanuel B.de Vries. ☎ 010-4503469 Newsletter

STICHTING NEDERLANDS GENDER CENTRUM: c/o Ms. I. E. Neumann, Borssenburg 24, 1181 NV Amstelveen, NETHERLANDS

Coordinates contacts between other groups. Mainly works on behalf of transsexuals.

WERKGROEP (H)ERKENNING: Caroline and Aloys Hulshof, P O Box 71, 1000 AB Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Self-help group for (ex)partners , parents and other relatives of transsexuals.

STICHTING EDE: Bennekomseweg 160, 6871 KJ Renkum,NETHERLANDS

Self-help group for female-to-male transsexuals, emotionally. Newsletter.

STICHTING OMD: P O Box 24, 4844 ZG Terheijden (NB),NETHERLANDS

Independent social service for gender dysphoric persons.

VERENIGING L K G T & T: P O Box 11575, 1001 GN Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Open gender dysphoria group. Monthly regional meetings in various areas. , P O Box 13500, 2501 EM The Hague, NETHERLANDS *Transformatie*

TS CONTACT GROUP VIRGIN: P O Box71, 1000 AB Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS TS support group.Friends /relatives welcome.

WERKGROEP FACET: Rode Kruislaan 61,5628 GB Eindhoven, NETHERLANDS

Self-help group for (married) couples where gender issues are a problem. Phone counseling man-to-man or partner-to-partner.

GENDERTEAM AMSTERDAM Prof.dr. L.J.G. Gooren,
Internist/endocrinologist, Dept/ Endocrinology/Andrology,
Free University Hospital, P O Box 7057,
1007 MB Amsterdam, the NETHERLANDS

Professionally managed gender program based on the Standards of Care, administered by the Free University Hospital in Amsterdam. Presently treats about 1100 clients. The program provides intake, screening, diagnosis, hormonal treatment, surgery and follow up. ☎ (31)(20)5489111 ext. 199, Fax (31)(20)5487502

NEDERLANDSEVERENIGING HUMANITAS:
Ms.P.Klene,P O Box 71,1000 AB Amsterdam,NETHERLANDS
Helps TSs. Phone assistance by trained volunteers.

GERMANY

TV/TS - **TRANSIDENTITAS**: Menschen Mit Abweichender Geschlects Identitaet, Postfach 10 10 46, 6050 Offenbach GERMANY

Support group for transvestites and transsexuals. Inquire. ☎ 069 8001008

TSH ESSEN: Claudia Peppenhorst,Caesar Strasse 34, 45130 Essen GERMANY ☎ 0201 - 78 69 99

TS GRUPPE HAMBURG: Christin-Susan Black, Nueblerkamp 13a, 22175 Hamburg, GERMANY ☎ 040-754 43 23

TSH MUENSTER: Claudia Scholz, Budden Strasse 22, 48143 Muenster, GERMANY ☎ 0251 43240

LEBENSBERATUNG FUER TRANSSEXUELLE MENSCHEN IM SAARLAND: Dr. Waltraud Schiffels, Schloss Strasse 6, 66117 Saarbruecken, GERMANY ☎0681-58 39 12

LEBENSBERATUNG FUER TRANSSEXUELLE MENSCHEN IM SAARLAND: Marc Elsholz, Am Hagen 13, 66117 Saarbruecken, GERMANY ☎ 0681-589 8449

TV - **TRANSVESTITENGRUPPE**: c/o MANNEGE, Friedrichstrasse 165 (Hausderdemokratie) 10117 Berlin, GERMANY

Counseling and support group for men who like to crossdress. Rap sessions about gender issues, and politics for a non-sexist society. ☎ 030 208 21 57

TS -**TRANSSEXUELLENGRUPPE IN DER SEKIS BERLIN**: c/o Uwe Klaassen, Albrecht -Achilles Strasse 65, 10709 Berlin, GERMANY

Meeting every 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:30pm. ☎ 030-345 36 81

TS - **VIVA TS-SELBSTHILFE MUENCHEN e. V.:** VIVA Muenchen, c/o Peter Reidel, Hirschbergstr. 14, 80634 Muenchen, GERMANY

Self-help group for M-to-F and F-to-M transsexuals. Regular meetings in Munich on Friday 2. (only male), 4. (all female and male), and Friday 5. (only female). There are reports on operators, physicians, therapists, and psychiatrists. We have an annual summer party and an Xmas meeting. Write for more information. ☎ 089-134681 FAX 089-162324 (18-18.30 h, please speak German).

TS - **CLUB NEUES LEBEN NOVA:** P O Box 710232-D, 81452 Muenchen, GERMANY

Self-help group for M-to-F and F-to-M transsexuals. Regular meetings in Munich on first Friday of the month at 7h pm. Write for more information. ☎ 089-3113260 or 089-616808 (18-18.30 h, please speak German).

TS - **CLUB NEUES LEBEN NOVA:** Miss Dr. Lisa Strauss, c/o Aidshilfe-Halle Magdeburger Str. 34-D, 06112 HALLE/Saale, GERMANY

Self-help group for M-to-F and F-to-M transsexuals. Regular meetings every Wednesday at 7h pm. Write for information. ☎ 0345/36419 (18-19 h, please speak German).

▲ - **FPE-FRANKFURT**: c/o Infrmationszentrum für Männerfragen e.V., Sandweg 49,D-60316 Franfurt am Main, GERMANY

Affiliated with Tri-Ess. Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 20:00-23:00h in Frankfurt. Personal interview before attending. ☎/FAX (069) 4950446

TRANSIDENTITAS e. V.: Postfach 10 10 46, D 63010 Offenbach/M.,GERMANY

Frankfurt, meetings every third Wednesday, 8:00pm, Selbsthilfe - Nachbarschaftszentrum Ostend Uhland strasse 50 (back building) 60314 Frankfurt/Main. Selbsthilfegruppe Magdeburg im KOBES Magdeburg Klosterhof la. Offenbach meetings third Wednesdays, 8:00pm at Selbsthilfe-Nachbarschaftszentrum Ostend Uhland Strasse 50, Frankfurt/Main. Koblenz at the Coming Out every Monday 7:00-9:00pm. Hannover every Tuesday at HOME-Zentrum, Johannestr. 8, Hannover, from 7:00-9:30pm.

NORWAY

TV - **FPE-NE**: Postboks 1968 Vika, N 0125 Oslo 1, NORWAY

An organization for heterosexual transvestites throughout Scandinavia with independent governed regions in Sweden, Denmark, and Norway. Monthly meetings, and twice a year weekend functions. Counselling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. A private library for members. Private interview. *Feminform*

SWEDEN

TV/SO - **FPE-NE**: Box 11107, S-500 11, Boras, SWEDEN

See FPE. Northern Europe. Weekend meetings in Stockholm, and throughout Sweden. Meetings the first Wednesday of each month. Private interview. *Feminform*

TV/SO - **FPE-SWEDEN**: Box 529, S 10130 Stockholm, SWEDEN

Monthly meetings to offer support to heterosexual crossdressers, their partners and families. Weekend functions. Contact system for members. Experienced speakers for college, university and radio appearances.Private interview . *Feminform*

FINLAND

TV/TS - **SETA**: P O Box 55, SF-00531, Helsinki, FINLAND

National Organization for Lesbians and Gay men in Finland. Can refer members of the gender community to support groups and helping professionals around the country. Meetings for TVs the second Thursday of the month, and for TSs on the fourth Thursday. from 7-9 pm. at Oikokatu 3, Helsinki. ☎ (9)0- 135 8303

DENMARK

FPE-NE: Boks 192, DK-2600, Glostrup, DENMARK

See, Beaumont Society, in the England listings. Monthly meetings.

TURKEY

TRAVESTY/TRANSSEXUALLE: c/o Demet Demir, Lao 176/D.S., Kultur Je Sanat, Siraselviler, Taksim, Istanbul, TURKEY

A group representing TV/TS of Turkey, but DO NOT mention the name of the group on the envelop. Communication is best in German, French, or Spanish.☎ 157 8925

TV/TS - **SEXUAL LIBERTIES**: Use the above mailing instructions for Travesty/Transsexualle c/o Iskendar Savasir.

This group represents all sexual minorities in Islamic countries. It has a representative from each minority group. Includes a representative from this community.

PAKISTAN

TV - **KHUSRA OF PAKISTAN:** Muhamid Aslam Khusra, Ex-Candidate, PF-34 Abbotabad, c/o Hockey Stadium, Abbotabad, PAKISTAN

Since Khusra means "transvestite" or "eunuch," this group is not underground. ☎ code 05921 6158 leave message, o r 05921 2858.

EASTERN EUROPEAN REPUBLICS

TV/SO - **FPE LATVIA**: Elga Remes, Director, Jurmala, -15. P O Box 17, LATVIA LV 2015

Monthly meetings to offer support to heterosexual crossdressers, their partners and families. Contact system for members. Information exchange. All letters answered. Languages: English and German.

RUSSIA

TV/TS - **ICE AND FIRE MOSCOW**: M. Mankevich, Novo-Alekeeuskaya str. 7, Flat No 8, 129626 Moscow, RUSSIA. Also Mirninsky r-n. Gagarina str. 28 Flat #3, 678190 Aihal Yakutia RUSSIA

Support group with a TV secretary in Moscow networking with other cities in Russia. Working to locate, identify and list Russian TVs/TSs suffering in prison/asylums to refer to Amnesty International/IGTA for world attention. Write directly to Margaret Mankevich. **DO NOT USE GROUP NAME OR TITLE ON ENVELOPE.** Do not enclose hard currency. Donations can be made through European account. Inquire for serial number. Any and all educational material about gender issues, academic interest from the world, active aid and financial donations. Overseas aid to publish a magazine. A trust fund to assist passage for TS operations in Europe. Network assistance to accomodate and work in Europe. Written invite still needed from abroad before any Russian can travel. ☎ 287-7096 in Moscow, 11-19 in Yakutia.

JAPAN

TS - **ELIZABETH CLUB**: 5-32-18 Kameido, Koto-Ku, Tokyo 136, JAPAN

The Elizabeth Club was established in 1979 for transsexuals, androgynes, transgenderists. Located in major centers such as Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya. We offer Storage facilities for our members. We also have consultants available for helping members with make-up and dressing. There is a rental service of clothing, wigs, and other related items for members. The Club (through Ant Trading Co., listed below) also publishes a magazine every other month. This magazine serves as a source of information to members on activities and events in Japan. *Queen* ☎ 11.19.03-3683-6092 (Kameido Club).

TS - **ELIZABETH CLUB:** 1-1-9 Kujo, Nishi-Ku, Osaka 550, JAPAN.

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TS - **ELIZABETH NAGOYA SHOP**: 1-13-15 noritake nakamura-ku, Nagoya-shi 453 JAPAN

See Elizabeth Club listings above.

TS - **FTM NIPPON**: Adachi-ku, Adachi-nishi-post office 123 Tokyo, JAPAN.

The first Japanese FTM TS support group. Networking through newsletter with other FTM TV/TG/TS all over Japan and in other countries. Newsletter is expensive, but free to foreigners. *FTM Nippon* ☎ .03-3683-6092 (Kameido Club)

AUSTRALIA

TV/SO - **THE SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC.**: P O Box 391, Rhodes, New South Wales 2112, AUSTRALIA

The Seahorse Society, Inc. is a social organization for CDs and families. The Society is a member in good standing of the Association of Self-Help Organizations and Groups, 39 Darghan Street, Glebe 2037, NSW, Australia. Seahorse welcomes new members and overseas visitors, offering support to those of us unable to emerge by means of affiliate membership. The Society has subsumed the Flamingo Association. Seahorse distributes information on shopping, coming events, and being femme through a monthly newsletter to members. Weekly and monthly meetings provide friendship, beauty assistance, and help with related matters. Lending library and guest speakers. Seahorse places strong emphasis on security for all members and requires screening of prospective members before attending meetings. However, no screening is required of affiliate members. Overseas members are screened in the same way; overseas visitors must either be screened or have accreditation from a similar organization.

TV/SO - **SEAHORSE CLUB OF QUEENSLAND**: Seahorse Club, Denyse Stewart, P O Box 628, Gympie, Queensland 4570, AUSTRALIA

Details of activities not yet available.

AUSTRALIAN TRANSGENDERISTS SUPPORT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND, Inc.: ATSAQ, P O Box 212, New Farm, Queensland 4005 AUSTRALIA

Provides support, counsel, referrals, hotline. Information on Social Security, Medicare, Motor transport, discrimination, health rights, police service, etc. Monthly meetings, newsletter. All information is confidential. ☎ 07-846-3787

TV/TS/SO - **THE SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF VICTORIA**: SSV, G P O Box 2337V, Melbourne, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA 3001

Non-profit organization to assist members of the gender community. SOs are members with full voting rights. Monthly meetings the second Saturday. Helping professionals as guests. Screening for new members. Confidential membership list. Visitors welcome, but must have prior have accreditation from their home group. Will trade newsletters with other groups. Well stocked library. *Seahorse Victoria*

THE FLAMINGO ASSOCIATION: See Seahorse of New South Wales.

TV/TS/SO - **CARROUSEL CLUB**: c/o Lana Allen, Box 721, Cowandilla, South Australia 5033, AUSTRALIA

Social support group. Various functions and social events in private homes and public venues as well. Interviewed by an Executive Board member before application is processed. Care is taken to protect the security of all members at all times.

TV/TS - **THE ELAINE BARRIE PROJECT**: EBP, Box 405, Altona, Victoria 3018, AUSTRALIA

A self-help group for TVs and TSs. Self-funding and self-supporting. Regular monthly social meetings and education projects throughout the year. A large reading and video sex education library with emphasis on genuine TV- and TS-related issues. Guest speakers. Almost anyone over the age of 18 (TV, TS, helping professional, families, friends, and significant others) is welcome. One factor takes precedence over all others: that visitor or member behaves in a civilized manner and bears us no ill will. ☎ 369-2613 *Nu-Scene*

TS - **WEST AUSTRALIAN TS SUPPORT UNITY PRIDE**: WATSUP, P O Box 771, Doubleview, West Australia 6018 AUSTRALIA, Attn: Lee-Anne

Support for TSs, their family and friends. To lobby towards legal changes in West Australia. Fortnightly meetings, social nights, newsletter, $10 joining fee. All members sign a non-disclosure and confidentiality form.

CD - **CHAMELEON SOCIETY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**: Loretta Strange, P O Box 367, Victoria Park, Western Australia 6100, AUSTRALIA

Open support for gender people and their partners. Meetings first and third Thursdays each month, 8:30-11:00.

THE GENDER CENTRE: Projects Manager, P O Box 266, Petersham, NSW 2049, Sydney, AUSTRALIA

Welfare organisation for people with gender issues. Provides medical, psychological gender and HIV/AIDS counseling, support, referrals. Resource development service. Drug and alcohol service. Residential service to support those moving towards independent living.

NEW ZEALAND

TV - **HEDESTHIA:** Hedesthia Central, Box 78-026, Grey Lynn, Auckland, NEW ZEALAND

Affiliated with the Beaumont Society.

TV/TS/SO - **NEW ZEALAND GENDER DYSPHORIA FOUNDATION**: NZGDF, P O Box 2827, Auckland, NEW ZEALAND

Irregularly scheduled meetings. Bi-monthly newsletter. Lending collection of books, videos, lingerie. Membership only to CD, TV, TS, SO. *La Femme*

TV/TS - **THE MINORITIES TRUST & TRANSCARE/NEW ZEALAND**: Transcare New Zealand, 106 Witako Street, EPUNI, LOWER HUTT Wellington, NEW ZEALAND (Miss Leone Neil)

Now in indefinite recess and no longer functioning.

TS - **TRANSSEXUAL OUTREACH PROJECT/TRANSSEXUAL EDUCATION WELFARE AND HEALTH ORGANISATION**: TOPs/ TEWAHO, P O Box 11-412, Manners Street, Wellington NEW ZEALAND

TS advocacy and peer support group, HIV/AIDS prevention, testing, counselling. Free STD checks. Referrals. Require you send an introductory letter. *On TOPs*

SOUTH AFRICA

TV/TS - **THE PHOENIX SOCIETY HELPLINE**: Box 6433, Parow-East, 7500, SOUTH AFRICA

The Phoenix Society is a social organization. All transpeople, whatever their race, politics, religion, colour, sexual orientation or nationality, together with those closely associated with them are welcome. Actively trying to change attitudes in South Africa. Creating support groups in all major cities. Provides contacts. New members are "sponsored" by full members. All lists are confidential. *Fanfare*

TV/TS/SO - **SATRU**:c/o P O Box 87283 Houghton 2041, Johannesburg, SOUTH AFRICA

Social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and significant others.

WEST AFRICA

TRANSFORMATION SECOND SELF: Jane Enuneku, KM 4 Idiroko Road, P O Box 1006, OTA, OGUN State, NIGERIA - WEST AFRICA

Charity. Monthly meetings the first week of each month. All applicants are screened by the Board as stipulated by the organizaton.

COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS

CD FORUM: cd request @ valis. biocad. com or uunet! sgi!biocad! valis! cd-request

Electronic mailing list digest. Support of TV, TS and other gender issues. Archive server for past digests. No membership fees. Your address will be confidential. Your material will be stripped of header and signature id unless you instruct otherwise. To subscribe, send short paragraph describing your interest in the list and where you heard of it. You will be asked to submit an introductory article within one month of your subscription.

TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND: Waltham, MA; (617) 899-3230. 300/1200/2400 Baud N81 4 nodes.

Education, support, information, and resources. Friendly board serving the needs of those in the gender community. Open to anyone. News and information, private and public chat and message areas. Four phone lines for group discussions in real time, user stories, gender related resources, areas for wives and family members, and an artificial intelligence, computer generated, Co-Sysop.

THE JERSEY SHORE SYSTEM: Ocean County, NJ; (609) 693-8849. 300/1200 baud, 8N1.

Log on using the name APRIL MAY with the password of FRIENDS (all caps). This will get you into a sub-board of the main system. After you have logged on as above you may register the name of your choice for future access.

DIFFERENT REALITIES: (402) 345-8381 8N1. J

Just starting in Rochester, New York.

LUNATIC FRINGE BBS:Bayside, NY (718) 224-7977.

1200-14400 baud accepted. BBS for the gender community. 24 hours a day / 7 days a week. Free access / No ratios. Donations accepted.

SATIN & LACE: Rochester, NY. SYSOP Kimmy K. (716) 334-5663 1200/2400/9600/14400 (8N1)

Variety of file and message areas. FREE! To obtain free, Full Access account, logon using the name HI THERE and the password TVTS. Select <Q> from the Main Menu and fill out the account creation questionnaire. Full Access account within 48 hours.

GENDERLINE: BBS (Compuserve Information Service). Nodes nationwide. Admission by subscription to Compuserve and by permission of system operator of the Human Sexuality (HSX) forums. For Compuserve subscription information, call 800-848-8990. Within Compuserve, access the HSX Support Groups\Adult Forum by typing GO HSX200 at any prompt. In HSX Help Files (Library 16) read the file CLOSED.TEXT — Closed Section

Agreement for instructions on joining GenderLine and the other restricted-access sections. Discreet support community for TG people of all kinds. Message board, conference area, data library, archived discussions, fiction.

GDANC: SYSOP Denee Efird, P O Box 721, Albemarle NC 28002. (704) 639-1914, 1N4.

Running 24 hours, TV/TS files, message section, and more.

TRI-ESS BBS OF ATLANTA: Atlanta, GA. Two lines: (404) 922-2414, (404) 785-9216; 300/1200/ 2400/4800/9600 8 bit, NO parity, one stop bit.

Available to all involved or interested in TG community, including SOs. Conferences on CD, TS (AEGIS), adult fantasy, shopping, etc. Sign on with pseudonym and answer "TRIESS" at the password prompt for immediate access. Available to all free of charge.

THE DIVA CONNECTION: Chicago, IL: Free, open board. (313) 334-3957. 300-14000 baud. Sysop: Vanessa Justice

Computer bulletin board devoted exclusively to members of the gender commu-

nity. Leave and receive messages, down load picture files and fiction, and upload your tasteful picture.

LIFETIME: Chicago, IL: (708) 438-1901. 300 thru 14.4K Baud 8N1.

Support, information, E-mail for the entire TV/TS/TG community. Free 24-hour board. Message/Conference sections, Gender-related File areas. Sysop Denise Peters. New users sign on and then leave message to Sysop for acces to private gender area. Full coverage of activities of Chicago Gender Society and Chi Chapter, Tri-Ess. Current happenings in Chicago, Southern Wisonsin, NE Indiana metro area. If you are a Tri-Ess or CGS member, give membership number for access to member bulletin area.

PUSS N BOOTS: P O Box 832556, Richardson TX 75083-2556 Board phone (214) 437-0688 node 1 (1200-28,800 baud) all nodes.

Support BBS for gender issues. 24-hours/day, seven days/week. Access free to gender community. Mention *Tapestry* in your log-on questionnaire and leave message. Let SYSOP know if you live full time. TGnet available with echoes New-Women, New-Men, Transition and more. Also latest AIDS/HIV information. SYSOP Aaron Davis.

FEMINET: (408) 648-8887 2400baud, or (408) 648-8734 14400 baud V32b, 8-N-1, Monterey Bay, CA

Most active BBS exclusively serving the gender community, central hub of TGNET, the international network for TG people. Over 1000 non-fiction files for TGs, 2000 gender fantasy stories, over 1000 TG GIFs, software for IBM, all TGNET echomail forums, selected FIDONET echomail forums, semi-private mail functions, netmail, special personal contact features. Library is kept up to date. Log-in to line 2: (408) 648-8887 with your name and personal password on the DIGICOMPUTRONICA section. Once logged in, read the announcement and general screens until reaching the first menu, and press P. When asked for a validation code, reply with KEY.

Financed with contributions. Line 2 basic access id free. $25 yearly for additional line 1 and full library access. $100 for maximum lifetime multiline access. Special arrangements available for international callers,or those with donations.

CROSS-CONNECTION: Los Angeles, CA; (818) 841-TV/TS (2400 MNP), (818) 841-8920 (14.4k v.32bis)

Connecting the Gender Community 24 hours/day. News and information, chat, e-mail, personals, TV/adult library, free community public service and information areas. On-line shopping mall.

AEGIS: AIDS Education General Information System, America's leading HIV/AIDS information resource! Santa Ana, California (714) 248-2836. At the main AEGIS menu, use the B (no quotes) command. The command is not visible on the screen, but is active. NO parity, 1 stop bit, Full Duplex.

Hours of operation: 24 hours a day, seven days a week. AEGIS is a global AIDS education response of the Sisters of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, a 501 (c)3 tax-exempt corporation. Access is free. Donations are invited to help continue the service. Please make checks or money orders payable to the Sisters of St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Indicate in the memo field, For AEGIS. Send to Sisters of St. Elizabeth, Attn: AEGIS, P O Box 184, San Juan Capistrano CA 92693-0184. Voice (714) 248-5843 FAX (714) 248-2839.

RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION: RGA, P O Box 700730, San Jose CA 95170. (408) 248-4162, 1200-2400 baud 8N1.

Non-profit Computer Bulletin Board Service. Gender community support. Two levels of service: public and private. SYSOP Michelle Stevens. First time users should have a private code word ready that you can remember. Public section is used by spouses and significant others.

MYTH'S REALITY: Anchorage AK (907) 338-2869. 300/1200/2400/9600, 8N1.

Electronic bulletin board and information service for the gay, lesbian, and transgender community. Teleconferencing, forums, "Sig info," games, and much more. Easy to follow menus. Sysop access approval in writing. Coded pass-word access upon approval.

TRANSGEN:transgen-request@brownvm.brown.edu

Electronic mailing list in mail or digest form. In support of transgendered issues, emphasis on transsexuality. No fee. Like cd-forum. Internet access is required. Archives available. Anyone may join the list, but must be screened by the moderator before joining. Posts to the list are not confidential. No requirement to post.

TRANSITIONS BBS: Las Vegas, Nevada, (702) 366-9663 , 300/1200/2400 Baud. 8N1.

Board dedicated to helping people during transition. All messages can and may be read by operators. For private area access, leave private E-mail to Sys-Op Ryane with request stating sexual/gender identity. Aliases allowed. Real names/addresses kept confidential.

IN FRANCE: TOOT*EON+RETURN, or TOOTSIE+RETURN, or PSEUDONYM NANCY US+RETURN, TRANS+RETURN, to dialogue, 1+Return. Contact: Jeanne, tel and FAX (331) 69 46 14 29.

IN GERMANY: TRANSWORLD: +49-5551-1568 (inside Germany (05551) 1568), 2400-19200 MNP5, 8N1, online 17:00-7:00h. 24 hours on weekends MEZ.

Totally free. First German BBS catering exclusively to the TV/TS, mainly German language, large files library, support areas for TV and TS, up-to-date calendar. New users should send a private letter of introduction to the SYSOP.

COMMERCIAL & PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS & SERVICES

JOURNAL OF GENDER STUDIES: Outreach Institute, 405 Western Avenue, Suite 345; South Portland ME 04106.

The official publication of the Human Outreach and Achievement Institute, it is published twice a year, and subscriptions are $16.00 per year.

TAPESTRY PUBLICATIONS: Box 367, Wayland MA 01778; (617) 899-2212; FAX (617) 899-5703.

Tapestry Publications is a division of I.F.G.E. The *TV/TS Tapestry Journal* is I.F.G.E's primary publication. We also publish and market a wide variety of how-to books, presentation transcripts, anthologies of pertinent reprints, directories, and other timely material. Tapestry Publications is designed as the gender community's own publishing house.

FEMINA SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND: Ms. C. Deering, P O Box 1873, Haverhill MA 01831.

Matriarchal society that teaches surrender to a Feminine Authority as a positive spiritual experience. Emphasis is on feminised males. Non-sexual educational programs, newsletter - *Femina, the Voice of Feminine Authority*, audio training cassettes, annual retreat, workshops, rituals, and networking. Elaborate application process including a waiting period during which postal studies are undertaken as a postulant.

ROSEBUDS: TCNE, Inc., P O Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483, (617) 891-9325 (Tues,7-10pm, EST).

Rosebuds is the monthly newsletter published by the Tiffany Club of New England, Inc. It includes personal growth articles, and other non-sexual non-fiction about gender issues. Advertising is accepted. Subscription $25 per year, $4 sample issue. Mailing list is confidential.

DONNA COGNAC, IMAGE STUDIO: 8 King Street, Saugus MA 01906

Makeup, dress, and personal style consulting for all who wish to look their best. % (617) 665-7703

BAD ATTITUDE: P O Box 390110, Cambridge MA 02139

This magazine is called *Bad Attitude* because that is what women who take their sexuality into their own hands (so to speak) are told they have. Subscriptions $30/year, $6 for single issues.

TV-TS CONFIDENTIAL: c/o Ms. Abby M. Greene, P O Box 6211, W. Franklin NH 03235

Magazine. Subscription $36 per year in US, $40 per year in Canada or overseas. Subscribers can place a 40-50 word Personal Listing.

ROXY'S ELECTROLYSIS: Roxy's, 234 Warren Avenue #2, East Providence RI 02914.

Permanent hair removal for males and females.

RITES OF PASSAGE: NWC, P O Box 67, South Berwick ME 03908

The newsletter of the New Women Conference. $12 for four issues.

FEM FASHIONS: 9 W 31st St, #7R; New York, NY 10001, 212-582-6823 (after 3pm).
Muriel Olive, Director.

Clothing, makeup, lingerie, makeovers. Call for appointment.

REIN FURRIERS: New York City Metropolitan area. (516) 379-6421. Custom manufactured fur wearing apparel, fur accessories, fur home decor. All sizes, styles, colors, kinds of furs. Show room near Pennsylvania Station. Call for appointment.

LAWRENCE KRIEGER, ATTORNEY AT LAW: 1 East Main Street, Suite #400, Rochester NY 14614 % (716) 325-2640
Full service law firm. Private Attorney. TV/TS-friendly office. Name change, custody battle, visitation dispute, domestic partnership contracts. Litigation in all New York State and Federal District Courts.

CREATIVE DESIGN SERVICES: Box 61263, King of Prussia PA 19406; (215) 640-9449.

A commercial concern marketing a line of products and services for the TV/TS Community. Publish *Art and Illusion:A Guide to Crossdressing* and *LadyLike Magazine*, sponsors "Paradise in the Poconos" weekends in May and September. Mailing list strictly confidential.

LA FEMINIQUE: 1218 W. Broad Street, Suite 570, Falls Church VA 22046; (202) 686-2992; Judy Guerin, Editor.

A bi-monthly newsletter dedicated to all aspects of the crossdressing and TV world. Includes editorials and feature

articles, makeup and dressing advice, interviews, profiles, and more. Mailing list strictly confidential.

CHRYSALIS QUARTERLY: AEGIS, P O Box 33724, Decatur GA 30033

The official publication of the American Educational Gender Information Service, Inc. For both consumers and caregivers. Theme-related issues explore topics in depth. $36 for four issue subscription.

☎ (404) 939-0244

THE TRANSSEXUAL VOICE: Box 16314, Atlanta GA 30321.

A newsletter written by and about TS.

BLOSSOM C. PASTER: 28417 Trident Court, Wesley Chapel, FL 33543 (813) 973-0987

A private setting where CDs can take their wardrobe, wig, and makeup questions. Peer counselling, problem solving, dressing, electrolysis, and makeup advice by a longtime professional member of the Gender Community.

GRACE AND LACE LETTER: POB 31253, Jackson MS 39286-1253

Periodical relating crossdressing/gender issues to what it says in the Bible. The gender-friendly passages in the Bible are worth getting to know.

TV/TS CONNECTION: The Connection, 2197 S. K.K. Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53207

Monthly publication of personal listings. Available by subscription only.

CHANGING MEN: Editorial Office & Subscriptions, 306 N. Brooks St, Madison WI 53715.

An international magazine dealing with the issues of gender, sex, and politics.

SCD PUBLISHING: 1401 Melrose Ave., Minneapolis MN 55426-1843

TV/TS publishing house. Publishes *TV/TS Talk* bi-monthly for members and supporters of the TV/TS Community. *TV/TS Talk* is modeled after the Penthouse Forum, but deals exclusively with gender related issues.

TRANSSISTERS, The Journal of Transsexual Feminism: c/o Davina Anne Gabriel, 4004 Troost Ave., Kansas City MO 64110

Non-profit quarterly magazine on issues of transsexuality from a femininst perspective. Designed to promote dialog between the TS and feminist communities and to foster feminist consciousness within the TS community. Sample issue $6.00. One year, four issues, $24. Outside USA, Canada, Mexico, $25. Make checks, money orders payable to Davina Anne Gabriel. Write for advertising/wholesale rates.

HELP ME . . ACCEPT ME: Dallas Gay Alliance Center, 2701 Reagan Street, Dallas TX 75219.

Publication about gender issues, sponsored by the Metroplex CD Corporation.

PARTNERS: P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163

Formerly the *original WACS Newsletter*. Now expressly for couples in the transgender community. Samples $3, four-issue subscription $12. ☎ (210)) 980-7788

GENDER REVIEW: P O Box 126, Arvada CO 80001

A newsletter for the professional presenting a timely report of current publications concerning issues of gender and crossdressing. ☎(303) 423-9885

FtM NEWSLETTER: 5337 College Ave #142 Oakland, CA 94618

Quarterly, longest continuously running, widest circulation for female-to-male TV/TS/SO. $15.00/yr. minimum suggested donation. $20.00 International. Professional subscription rate, $25.00.

DRAGAZINE: P O Box 691664, West Hollywood CA 90069.

Published two or three times a year. *Dragazine* is designed to appeal to those that enjoy the art of crossdressing, either as the audience or the Drag Queen that's teaching your children first grade. $5.95 for single issue, $10.95 for two-issue subscription, as they are published.

CROSS-TALK: P O Box 944, Woodland Hills CA 91365, (818) 907-3053. Kymberleigh Richards, Managing Editor & Publisher.

Monthly 40 page magazine (non-sexually oriented). Operates News Services section of Cross Connection computer bulletin board system. News items of concern to the gender community, highlights of tabloid press, editorials/reader letters, make-up and fashion tips, significant others' column, original comic strips and humor column, national event and hotline listings, *Transvestia* reprints, JoAnn Roberts' *HotBuzz*, reviews, and feature articles. Mailed in plain brown envelope.

THE CROSSDRESSER'S QUARTERLY: John Moran Photo-Graphix (JMPG), P O Box 7217, Burbank CA 91510-7217.

News, events, photographs, fetish fashions, shopping resources, personal & vendor & club profiles.

TRANSFORMATION: P O Box 459, Orange CA 92666

News, events, photographs, fetish fashions, shopping resources, personal & vendor & club profiles.

B. R.CREATIONS INTERNATIONAL: P O Box 4201, Mountain View CA 94040

Custom-made Victorian corsets by mail order. Bi-monthly *Corset Newsletter* starting its 11th year. $18 per year US and Canada, $24 overseas. Color brochure of corsets available $5. Brochure and recent newsletter $7, overseas $6/10. It is best to have the corset brochure before calling to discuss corset measuring or order. ☎(415) 961-5354 phone/ FAX. Ruth Johnson.

GENDERFLEX: c/o Billie Jean Jones, 3430 Balmoral Drive #10, Sacramento CA 95821.

Newsletter about all kinds of gender issues. Distributed free in person. Back issues available. Does not accept advertising. Accept interactive submissions letters, articles, opinions, jokes, poems.

TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON: Distribution Director: Ms Patricia Fisher, P.O. Box 293 Cote des Neiges P.O., 5858 Cote des Neiges Blvd, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3S 2S5.

A newsletter for and about the transsexual inmate.

THE CANADIAN CROSS-DRESSER: 161 Gerrard St. East, Toronto, ONTARIO M5A 2E4.

Bi-monthly non-sexual magazine for and about CD, TS, FI, DQ. Includes articles, news, short fiction, poetry, and personal ads. Request subscription information.

NOTES FROM THE UNDERGROUND: P O Box 7421, Ottawa (Vanier), Ontario CANADA K1L 8E4, (613) 749-5203.

Periodical about a variety of CD issues.

BOY'S OWN: BM Network, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND.

A quarterly newsletter for female-to-male transsexuals and their significant others. Write for more information.

INTERNATIONAL TV REPARTEE: Rose's, Roundel Street, Sheffield S9 3LE ENGLAND.

Published quarterly, Repartee is a large format magazine with color photos presenting a positive image of all aspects of crossdressing. Sample copy $10 (L5 from Rose's). Subscription L18 in UK. Available in USA from Spartacus, 1331 Garden Grove Blvd, Suite G, Garden Grove CA 92643

BOYS WILL BE BOYS: BWBB, P O Box 5393, West End Bris, AUSTRALIA 4101

Bi-monthy publication for FTMs.

POLARE: P O Box 266, Petersham NSW AUSTRALIA 2049

A quarterly publication for people with gender issues.

TRANSCARE: The Minorities Trust, P O Box 2983, Wellington New Zealand.

ON TOP: P O Box 11-412, Manners Street, Wellington New Zealand

Newsletter for the transsexual sex industry workers. ☎ 04-382-8791

TARTAN SKIRT: ADF Editorial Services, Tullochvenus House, Lumphanan, Aberdeenshire AB31 4RN, SCOTLAND

Scottish quarterly magazine for the gender community. Contains factual self-help and first person articles on the how, when and why of CD & TS.

LES CHEMINS DE TRANS: c/o Belgische Gender Stichting, Pluimstraat 48, 85000 KORTRIJK - B, BELGIUM

Bi-monthly newsletter about gender issues by members of the gender community and helping professionals.

TRANSFORMATIE: P O Box 13500, 2501 EM, The Hague, Netherlands

Information and discussion magazine on transvestism and transsexualism.

ANT TRADING COMPANY: 4F Daisan Kosei Building, 3-27-3 Kamazawa, Sumida-Ku, Tokyo 130, Japan.

Publisher of ***Queen*** Magazine, Japan's premier cross-dresser's reference guide. Single-copy and subscription prices vary with exchange rates.

LIBRARY & INFORMATION SERVICES

SEX INFORMATION AND EDUCATION COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES: SIECUS, 130 W. 42nd St, Suite 2500, New York, New York 10036; (212) 819-9770, FAX (212) 819-9776.

SIECUS is affiliated with the Department of Health Education of the School of Education, Health, Nursing, and the Arts Professions of New York University. Deals with all sexual issues, including gender expression.

NATIONAL TRANSGENDER LIBRARY & ARCHIVES: AEGIS, P O Box 33724, Decatur GA 30033

Repository for print, film, and electronic material related to crossgender expression. The collection includes books, unpublished manuscripts, film, journal articles, clippings, videotapes, personal papers, pictures, playbills, etc. Focus is on North American materials. The library is housed at AEGIS Headquarters and is open by appointment. Access to personal papers can be limited by the donor. Materials circulate only by special arrange-

PERSONAL LISTINGS

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1) To provide a means of introduction, outreach, and communication for subscribers to the TV/TS *Tapestry* Journal and Supporters of I.F.G.E.

2) To provide readers with a source of support and communications.

3) To provide the general public with a better understanding of the nature of the people who are members and supporters of the CD/TS/TG Community.

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(A) Place your letter in an unstamped envelope.

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(C) Include $1.00 (for postage and handling) for each piece to be forwarded.

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PUERTO RICO (001-009)

MASSACHUSETTS (010- 027-)

HEATHER ANDERSON
(E MA-M0661-K7401-71)
Member TCNE. M CD with TS inclinations, brunette, blue eyes, 44, 5'11", 130. Interested in music—classic to rock, cooking, running, computers. "I am looking for friends who want to let their femininity blossom. I used to go out in public years ago and am once again working towards that goal."

EVE B.
(E MA-M0508-K0107-71)
Member Tri-Ess. Now retired, somewhat handicapped by spinal arthritis. Enjoy dressing at home for relaxation and pleasure. "Friend of Ariadne Kane, and Virginia Prince visited in my home some years ago. Often invite members to be my guest in a pleasant, suburban home."

SUSAN A.
(MA-P-M0064-K0206-71)
Member Tiffany Club of New England. WM, 5'7", considered passable. Interested in TV literature and clothing, especially lingerie. "Would like to correspind with others with similar interests."

JANICE H.
(MA-P-M0254K0109-72)
Member TCNE, Tri-Ess. Participant Fantasia Fair. Divorced WM, 69, 5'6", 155, blue eyes, brown hair. Goes out as Janice shopping, eating at restaurants, visiting other TVs. Makes friends, on the quiet side, writes to many other TVs. "Will answer all. Would like to take hormones and live full time as a woman."

AUDREY M.
(E MA-M0280-K1855-73)
MWM bi-TV, 58, 155, 5'10", nice, intelligent, well adjusted, sense of humor. Enjoys current events, music, sailing, photography, woodworking. Writes TV stories. "Would like to have a few TV friends for casual get-togethers; freedom limited to weekdays 9-6."

VALERIE VINCENT
(MA-P-M0273-K0122-70)
Centerfold in the *Transvestian*. 5' 10", 170, long hair, wear nails 1½ inches long. Pre-op TS. "Will write to all TV/TSs, and women who find the TV/TS scene interesting."

HOLLY CROSS
(MA-P-M0279-K0188-99)
TV, senior citizen, 22WT. Lots of clothes, old ham gear, some money, no job, live alone. "Have attended 60 weekends and 750 concerts dressed since 1983. Wish I'd started sooner. Don't need correspondence, but often need someone to share a hotel room."

SUSAN ELIZABETH R.
(MA-M0839-K0055-72)
SWM TV, 59, 6', 180, brown hair, hazel eyes. Interested in photography, treasure hunting, '40's and '50's music, dogs, nature, and being a lady. "I would like to correspond with other girls in E. Mass., Metro-West area."

JUDITH ANNE THOMPSON
(E MA-P-M0733-K0229-71)
Member INNvestments. Widowed WM CD, 70, 5'9", 180, retired, good listener, honest and intelligent. Passes well. Likes photography, sailing Hobie Cats, gardening, good music, living as Judy. "Would like contacts with crossdressers in SE MA area for companionship and like interests."

SUE FANON
(MA-P-M0983-K0020-71)
SBiWM TV, 38, 5'10", 160, easy going, clean, understanding, safe, and sincere. Interested in dressing up & being feminine, travel, music, & friendships. "I am a novice who would like to correspond with other TV/TSs and understanding women to help improve my femininity, passability, etc. Honest relationships considered."

MICHELLE LANGE
(E MA-M1008-K0071-72)
MWM, 45. "Enjoy the domestic scene from the servant's point of view. Would correspond with others who enjoy the same. Collect and write stories on experiences and fantasies, and would like to share them with others who enjoy this lifestyle. Correspondence must be light, fun, and interesting. No S&M or B&D."

JOANNE D.
(E MA-M1776-K1939-71)
"Have opened up to my wife of 25 years, but it is still difficult to talk when she doesn't ask questions. This lifelong passion demands expression. Need to communicate with anyone in Portsmouth, NH area. Write! PS I can laugh, too!"

MARGARITA AMANDA R.
(E MA-P-M1815-K1964-71)
Participant Coming Together '90, '91, '93, Be-All '88, '89', 90, '91, Texas 'T' Party '90, '91, '92, '93, Esprit '92. Single, 5'10", young looking and thinking. Interested in geography, history, science, photography, classical music (including opera), camping, hiking, cooking, gardening, canning, dancing, softball, feminine attire, riding the Boston T crossdressed, skiing. NON-SMOKER. Live alone on North Shore. "WRITE--I'll answer."

JOANNA EDLONS
(MA-P-M1873-K2163-71)
WM hetero TV, 61, 15/16, Spring Fling '90, '91, Fantasia Fair '93, IFGE volunteer since 1990. "Suffered greatly until coming out in 1989. Still carry scars. Live alone, can dress at will. Need friend/confidant to share femme times. Prefer ctl MA area. Write newsy letters if you only want to correspond. I need exposure, how about you?"

DIANA S. DWYER
(MA-P-M2146-K2539-70)
"I am placing this ad because I am need of positive, honest support. I am not interested in sexually obsessive individuals. I am 27, a light drinker, and a non-smoker. I'm involved in psychotherapy for my transsexual feelings as well as my abusive childhood. If interested, please write."

DEBBIE SAWYER
(MA-P-M2170-K2590-73)
"Crossdresser, single, seeking the spiritual and expressive feminine side. Would love to meet understanding and supportive women. Supports political action for human and civil rights for the transgender community."

MARIE ALLEN
(E MA-M2729-K4412-71)
5'9", slim. Interested in feminine things, see below. "After makeup, and before a wall length mirror, I sometimes dress from the skin out in my own personally designed pure silk lingerie, and then don a filmy silk dress. Seeing myself become an extremely happy silk-clad woman enables me to attain an incredible sense of peace and joy."

KAYLEE
(MA-M2787-K4481-71)
MWM, late 40's, dressed all my life. "Wife knows. Tolerated, but not in her presence. Hobbies are sailing, camping, hiking. Physically fit, 6', size 20. Love heels, earrings and everything in between. Why are women the only ones who can wear skirts?"

DENISE S.
(MA-P-M3049-K5807-70)
Member TCNE. CD, 42, 5'8", 140. Shy, gentle, loves nature, gardening, walking, tennis. "Coming our step by step. I invite you to join me to share support and friendship. Is the understanding and acceptance of this duality a spiritual path? Will share living space with compatible person on North Shore."

ANONYMOUS M.
(MA-M3277-K6457-71)
6', 210, WM, 32. Interested in sports and travel. "Would like to meet transsexual for long-term relationship."

SUZANNE HAMILTON
(MA-P-M4006-K8683-70)
45, WBiM, 160, 5'8", TV, 160. "My love is to spend every free moment modeling and shopping for evening gowns and wedding gowns. I'm looking for a friend to share these moments of happiness. Each day I come to enjoy the new person I am, and would love to help you find that person in you. My fantasy is to be the model for a full photo layout of the blushing bride."

CAROLYN K. WEST
(MA-P-M4028-K5999-71)
TCNE, AXA, DAV, VFW, NALC. 5'5", 135, narcissist, transcendentalist; and cheerful feminine essence in a comportable masculine vessel. Interested in music, travel, home-making, dressing and engaging public nearly 100%; offering discreet photography, modest bed & breakfast, and secure social interaction. "Single and date. Await the arrival of Prince Charming, irrespective of his gender."

MICHELLE J.
(MA-M4172-K9093-71)
MWM with TS tendencies. 6', 185 and losing. Interested in computers, golf. "Wish to meet other TS/TV for help and understanding as wife doesn't participate. Love to dress in short skirts, heels and everything feminine. Thanks for helping me out of closet."

ROBERTA STANLEY
(MA-P-M4064-K8798-71)
TCNE, 5'8", 155, size 12, brown eyed brunette, married with children. Enjoy skiing, sailing, SCUBA, reading, correspondence and indulging my femininity by dressing up to dine out, shop, etc. "Lifelong CD, cautiously emerging, eagerly learning, loving every minute. My goal is to be an attractive lady enjoying her femininity."

VICTORIA ANN A.
(MA-NP-M4174-K0360-72)
Member of Sunshine Club. 35, 6', brown eyes and hair, TG. Interested in photography, music, shopping, movies, girl talk, cooking, sewing, dancing, and quiet times with someone special. "Would like to meet others to explore friendship and femininity. Please write, will answer all."

EDIE H.
(MA M4743-K10491-70)
Member TGIC, Sunshine Club. Hetero CD, 49, 5'11", 190. "Still mostly in the closet since my apprehensions still outweigh my enjoyment of being in public. Enjoy the sensuality of lingerie, silk, nylons, and perhaps some light, friendly bondage. Supportive wife. Non-smoker. Deeply into hunting,fishing, related writing/ photography."

JAMIE STRONG
(MA-P-M4618-K10154-70)
Mid-30s with understanding girlfriend. "Reaching out for the first time for help from other couples to find my way in genderland."

CARRIE ANNE CHRISTY
(MA-P-M4663-K10320-70)
Lifelong CD, 5'6", 142. "Enjoy people, my passability, exercise, travel, dancing and modeling. Value honesty and dependability. Love wearing silk stockings, heels, diamonds,cocktail dresses to occasions such as theatre. Seek friends, central MA and NE."

DONNA N.
(MA-M4943-K10960-72)
Bi-WM 60s, in closet, widowed. Would like to meet other CDs, TVs for help to be more feminine, and for dating. No males.

JESSICA CHRISTY COLLINS
(MA-NP-M4977-K6982-72)
"Late 30s. Dressing actively for six years, although this has been a lifelong pursuit. Enjoy regular nights out in New York, Los Angeles and elsewhere. Looking to invest more productive days out in support of our community. Interested in everything."

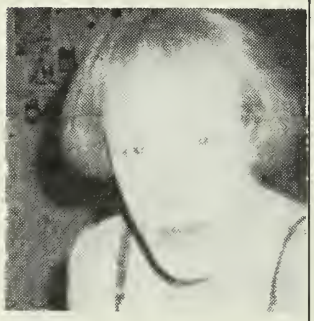
CHRISTEENA G.
(MA-M5018-K3971-73)
SW Bi-M, 35, 5'8". "Been crossdressing since childhood. Interested in talking to other big sisters who understand it's time for this woman to get out of the closet! Enjoy feminine side. Would enjoy meeting understanding women, TV/TS. Friend of Bill W. 2 years. Please write. Photo appreciated."

RHODE ISLAND (027- 029-)

GWENDOLYN ALYNNA SPENCER
(RI-P-M2207-K2655-70)
Participant Coming Together. 5'9", brown hair, blue eyes, volunteer at IFGE office. Interested in reading, history, sailing, dancing, camping, and martial arts. "Like long walks

on the seashore and in the woods. Interested in contacting other Wiccans. Also starting a group in RI."

ALISON YOUNG
(RI-P-M4650-K10273-70)
5'11", 170, blue eyes. Interested in sports, history, films, rock 'n' roll, art. "I am coming out. Would appreciate any advice,friendship."



STEPHANIE J. HARRINGTON
(RI-P-RI-M4680-K9681-70)
Applicant to Gender Identity Clinic. 42, 6', 145, 34AA-26-35. Legal name is Stephanie. "Seek other TSs for friendship, also real women to help me pass better. I live full-time as a woman. I work in jeans. Boss/o-workers know my transsexuality."

ANDREA K.
(RI-P-M1771-K1934-71)
5'10", 155, brown eyes, long brown hair, semi-androgynized. Interested in SF, investing, metaphysics, dressing up full time like a woman, movies, video. "I am willing to meet other TV/CD/TSs and talk about things like lingerie, high heels, hosiery, makeup, and becoming a full-time woman, to be known as a woman, and treated as one."

NEW HAMPSHIRE (030- 038-)

KELLY JEAN DOMOUNT
(NH-M4423-K9669-73)
WM 5/10", holding at 39. Medium build, brown eyes and hair. "In love with dressing and being who I was born to be. Interested in gardening, fishing, shopping, and TV literature. Passable 'NOT.' Need a tuck here and there. Correspond with TV/TSs, men,women who find our community interesting."

ABBY M. GREENE
(NH-P-M0731-K0277-99)
Post-op new woman. Interests are computers, reading, music, gendered people, belly dancing and all things feminine.Editor of *TV-TS confidential* magazine. We need cover girls.

CAREY CLARKE
(NH-M4441-K9688-72)
Co-Founder of GT North support group in southern NH. "Early stage TS trying to re-arrange my life. Happy to meet and talk with any gender-challenged persons. Interested in computers, bicycling, Tai Chi."

KERRI R.
(NH-P-M1095-K0294-72)
Attended Coming Together '90, '91, '92, Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91, Tiffany P'town Outing '88, '89, '90, '91. TCNE Rep in Congress of Representatives, IFGE Marketing Coordinator, Nominating Committee, Finance Committee. DWM, 6'1". "Proud of my duality, and glad to be a part of our community. Enjoy meeting old friends and making contacts."

KIMBERLYANN C.
(NH-P-M4243-K5161-71)
Divorced TS, 150, 10/12, mid-40s. "Workout regularly. Want and willing to help CD/TV/TS who take honest pride in themselves and what they do. Not the best, only the best I can be. Looking towards writing pen-gals from all over country. Please write. Will return promptly, exchange discreet photos."

PAULAANN NOVAL
(NH-M4510-K9740-73)
"Am interested in communicating with and meeting others in NE area who are exploring additional ways of dressing for pleasure along with dressing, such as exotic apparel (leather, latex, PVC, etc.) amateur theatricals, impersonation, etc., in a social context."

MAINE (038- 047-)

JANET M.
(ME M1697-K0313-72)
Older CD who is at ease with self and would enjoy socializing with others. Also ladies close to area.

JEAN CHURCHILL
(ME-P-M3729-K0164-73)
Member Tri-Ess, Trans-support. MWM, 39, 5'8", 127, 12, hetero CD since age 3. Wife tolerant, but non-supportive. Out since October 1992. Vegetarian, don't smoke/drink/drug, spiritually inclined. Interested in outreach and education about TG, transcendental meditation, theatre, creative writing, fine arts, architecture/interior design, solar technologies, being feminine, making friends, socializing, corresponding.

MARGARET E. C.
(ME-P-M3764-K8224-72)
Member Transsupport. MWM, CD, 5'5", 140, brunette (most of the time), 14. Professional, advanced degree, interested in aviation, military history, historical

reenacting, vintage clothing, traditional crafts. "Have loving, wonderful, understanding wife. Been dressing since age 10. Love soft, elegant dressing. Secure in masculine life with much feminine incorporated. Like to hear from others in northeast and NB.

JESSIE B.
(ME-P-M4039-K4282-70)
Divorced TG, 40s, 5'8", 160, br/bl. "Live at home as a woman. Typical Piscean—very worldly, very spiritual. Love the Buddhist goddess, tasteful mail. Love to hear from women, TG/TS/TVs."

LOU ANN C.
(ME-M4962-K6927-71)
SWM, TV, 5'11", 170, blue eyes, long brown hair. Dressed since childhood. Interested in reading, movies, boating, fishing, and feminine clothes. "Would love to meet CD/TV/TS and understanding women. Want to correspond and make new friends."

VERMONT (050- 059-)

MARCIA M.
(VT-M4760-K10702-70)
MWM. Late 40s. "Wife totally supportive. CD since early teens. Out of closet for about 2 yrs. First public outing this month. Looking for pen pals to share experiences and possibly meet socially. Still shy for photo at this time. Member of Sunshine Club. Will respond to all."

HELENE H.
(VT-P-M2021-K2488-77)
Member Sunshine Club. "Like to hear from other ladies, especially those in NE who want out of the closet, help, or advice. There are more of us in this neck of the woods than you think. Come out wherever you are."

CONNECTICUT (060- 069-)

CARLA E. GOLDSNIDER
(CT-P-M0212-K0374-72)
SWM, hetero, 5'10", quiet, understanding, lives alone. Enjoys dressing as a female, meeting TVs and especially females for girl talk, etc., and country music. "Would like to meet a couple who enjoy going in public with me. Others say that I pass very well. Would appreciate photo with letter—which I will return."

ANDREA G.
(CT-M0425-K0357-71)
Married, 51, 5'11, 170. Interested in sports, good food, reading. "Would like to develop friendships in the crossdressing community, welcome correspondence."

DARLENE S. ROSS
(CT-M0838-K0390-70)
MWM, mature hetero CD, 5'8", 170, 20, retired, passive. "Lifelong CD, nonsupportive wife. Enjoy all things feminine, especially shoes. Not passable, could be with practice and opportunity. Like travel, sports, reading. Enjoy corresponding with sisters of similar interests."

MICHELLE KAY
(CT-P-M1490-K0368-70)
Member Tiffany Club, Connecticut Outreach Society. SWM, hetero, TV, 5'10", blue eyes, light brown hair, early 50s. "Quiet and sincere. Enjoy cross country skiing, music, theater, and travel. Looking for honest, caring, feminine crossdressers for correspondence or possible get-togethers."

CAROLE STEPHENS
(CT-P-M1799-K1954-71)
Member Tri-Ess, COS. Attended Poconos '90. 56, 6'1", 190, hetero MWM, wife understands. Interested in aviation, outdoor sports, crossdressing/shopping, writing TV stories. "Outplaced exec looking for business that can include CD interests. Enjoy realistic CDs. Want to meet CD artists to illustrate TV fiction. Like to help emerging CDs, especially lower Fairfield, Ct. area."

RACHEL F. BOYCE
(CT-M1903-K2205-71)
Member Tiffany Club, CT Outreach Society. Participant Tiffany's P-town Outing, Fantasia Fair, Coming Together. 6'2", married, 2 adult sons, wife supportive. Interested in music, dancing, dining, shopping, and movies. "Love to dress for shopping at major malls. Have attended movies, theater and restaurants while fully crossdressed. Answers all."

LISA M.
(CT-P-M1828-K0352-70)
SWM hetero TV, 41, crossdressing since age 5. Interests include performance art and photography. "I am putting together a project on crossing gender lines and would like to receive advertisements with double meanings for crossdressers, such as, 'Gentlemen prefer Hanes!' (Personally, I prefer Liz Claiborne.) Please send me any ads you have found."

ANDREA STEVENS
(CT-P-M3214-K6216-70)
Member COS. Hetero CD, 5'8", 155, mid-40's. Happily married. Wife aware, tolerant. Interested in competitive cycling and running, reading, golf and skiing. "Been dress-

ing fully since early 20s, just beginning to experience the best this life has to offer. Looking forward to helping others and attending some outings in the near future."

JENNIFER CARSON
(CT-M3221-K6240-70)
SWCD, 24, 5'8", 135. "Can pass if I keep my mouth shut. Cute both ways. I am looking for a long-term relationship with an understanding TS/GG. Me: caring, honest, and supportive. You: 18-26, under 5'9" with a good heart. Non-smokers and drug free, Please!"

JACKIE ELLIS
(CT-P-M3301-K6560-70)
Member COS. WTV, mid-40's, tall and slim, passable but shy. Loves to go out dressed and take photos and videos. "First love is dressing up. Would like to correspong, swap photos, and meet other TVs."

MARIANNE GIBSON
(CT-P-M4331-K5757-72)
SWM TV, 5'10", 165, blue eyes, long lashes, recently out and happy. "Very shy, but happily feminine. Love classical music, painting, quiet times, non-linear thinking, and catalog shopping. A photo and a nice letter from other TV/TSs, especially in my region, would be very special. I hope to respond."

SUSAN SINGER
(CT-M4848-K7792-71)
Member: Human Race, Cross Gender Community, Tri-Ess. WM/F, 30s, CG/TS, rather born/live female life style. Attracted only to Biological Females. Interests: photography, BBSs, publishing, graphics, occasionally dressing as preferred female gender. "Like to hear from sincere and honest CD/TSs for non-sexual correspondence, friendship, support."

KATRINA "KATE" B.
(CT-P-M4335-K9016-72)
MWM, hetero, TV/TG, 5'7½", 180, 65+, 18. Retired educator, supportive wife. Outings: movies, shopping, nature walks, restaurant. Passing: cautious, discreet, incognito. "Enjoy the feeling of fulfillment when as Katrina."

STACI H.
(CT-P-M4520-K4199-73)
Staci, 43-years-old going on 23, likes to act and dress like a young lady. Short skirts and high heels are her trademark. Friendly and fun-loving, Staci seeks other girls who just want to have fun-*within reason*. Staci coming out of Victoria's Secret's closet soon.

BILLIE K.
(CT-P-M4673-K10349-70)
Member COS. 50s, 5'10", 155, MBiWM. Interested in golf, auto racing. "I'm easy going, like to meet other sisters. Like the feel of nylons and sexy lingerie. Have been out some. Travel limited. Looking for help with finishing touches of my makeup. Write with your tips and pleasures. Will answer all."

NEW JERSEY (070- 088-)

JULIE C.
(NJ-M1460-K0452-73)
MWM, 5'10", 30's, brown hair and eyes, thin. "Love dressing pretty, especially in high heels. Enjoy music and meeting others like me. I also enjoy travel, especially P'town. Would love to go out more, all I need is a little encouragement. My wife helps as much as she can, but a friend would help a lot more."

TERRY M.
(NJ-P-M2400-K3206-70)
Member MOTG, Renaissance. Attended Poconos weekends, Autumn Accords. 5'8", 39 forever, brown hair and eyes. Interested in early music (Medieval Renaissance era), bluegrass, philosophy. Am active in 12-step recovery group. "Happy to be out of the closet and involved in our community."

BABS C.
(NJ-P-M3219-K6211-70)
Member Tri-Ess, Eulenspiegel Society. Attended Paradise in the Poconos. MWM. Supportive and understanding loving wife. "Enjoy fine art, music, standard bred horses, tennis, and of course going out and doing everything en femme. Starting electrolysis. Began shy and submissive, developing confidence. Like to hear from married TV/TSs."

PORSCHEA ANN P.
(NJ-P-M3297-K6553-71)
Member MOTG. 130, size 9, young, brown eyes and hair. TS on hormones and evolving into what was meant to be: a pretty woman. "I enjoy spending time with my friends dancing, shopping and fashions. Starting to pass, feels great. Letters welcomed."

JANET.
(S. NJ-M3487-K7209-70)
MWM, hetero, 6', 195, 50. Closet inhabitant. Interested in crossdressing, corsets, rubber, B & D. "Into manufacturing B & D gear. Will write to all!"

KAREN KEYES
(NJ-P-M3309-K6595-70)
Member Renaissance. MWM, TV, 40s, 5'11", 175. "Married TV with supportive wife. Attend monthly meetings of Renaissance. Attended TCNE First Event '93, '94. Attractive and feminine when dressed. Wish to meet other TVs for friendship and socializing. Open minded. Can travel. Photo appreciated. Plan to attend a number of events each year."

ELAINE MONROE
(NJ-NP-M3637-K7810-76)
"Love feminine role. Co-Director of MOTG, member Renaissance, Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together, Be All, Southern Comfort, Fantasia Fair, Paradise in the Poconos. Speaker for TG community. Goal to help others out of their closets, and to help the transgendered legally and socially. Network with those with similar goals."

JAN DIANA N.
(NJ-M3908-K4840-72)
MWM, hetero, 55, 6'1", 200, blue eyes, TV border TS. "Wife has known for years, but is neither supportive nor accepting, which pains me. Have crossdressed since age five with mother's support. Still in closet. Feel very feminine when dressed up like the person I want to be. Will reply to all letters."

JIOVANNA ALEXIS TOWERS
(NJ-NP-M3678-K7998-70)
Member MGN, AEGIS. Attended Moonlight in Manhattan '93, '94. Fun-loving, open-minded Bi/pre-op TS, 5'7", 28, 135. On hormones since 7/92. "Seeking serious relationship with single passive WBi-TV who identifies as male and is willing and able to help me with transition. Reply with photo and SASE. No fantasy seekers. Men considered."

ARLENE THIEL
(NJ-P-M3777-K8249-73)
Attended Poconos Week End, Be All. 160, 5'10", SWM TV. "Mature professional, live alone. Only hobby is being as feminine as I can be. Love to share girl-to-girl experiences with other TVs. Love to entertain, but also free to travel. Just drop me a line."

VIKKI M.
(NJ-M4391-K3964-72)
Active member of MOTG. Wide variety of interests includes but is not limited to: collecting modern dolls, Zen, collecting fashion lingerie ads, Silva Mind Control, Stonewall 25 marcher, storytelling for healing, third sex, cyberspace, Sun Tzu, Book of 5 Rings, how do we get to the future from here."

MARILYN MASTERSON
(NJ-NP-M3949-K8508-73)
MWM, 5'11", 35, black hair, brown eyes, educated, shy, full-figured. Interested in art, music, dreaming, computers, walks in the woods, correspondence, sexy things. "Love everything feminine & sexy from short skirts and heels to lingerie and teddies. I love making new friends and love to hear from all. Hugs!"

DIANNE WHITE
(NJ-P-M4025-K5217-70)
Member MOTG. 59, 5'11", TS on hold. Slim figure, nice legs. "Love dressing stylishly and provocatively. Spike heels, minis and black nightgowns were made for me. Feel the same? Good, let's chat. Love corresponding. All subjects from I need a pat on the back to plain girl talk. All letters answered."

KATHLEEN M.
(NJ-M4719-K10436-70)
Member TV/TS Northern NJ. "Just recently came out and loving every minute of it. 35, 5'6", 140. Active in photography/music. Would be willing to help my sisters with photos. Love being a girl, look forward to meeting other girls like me. Looking forward to hearing from you."

R. SUNSHINE
(NJ-NP-M4135-K8060-73)
SWM, CD, 30s, 5'10", 38-28-36. Professional, enjoy classical piano, especially Chopin, nature, impressionism, movies, T'ai Chi Ch'uan meditation, being chic. "Looking for slender SWGF, 30s, for a sincere friendship, possibly more. Send picture, and be from central NJ. Love and Light, Frani."

CAROL ANN LEE
(NJ-P-M4245-K9528-72)
Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Nu Rho (VP), LIFE, CDI. M, hetero, 50, 5'9", 160, supportive wife. "Dressing since a tender age. Travel en femme. Enjoy going to concerts, dinner, etc. Correspond

extensively, but can never have too many friends. Will exchange letters and photos with those of similar interests. NO SEX LETTERS!"

DIANE DAVIES
(NJ-M4859-K10477-71)
MWM, 36, 5'11", 165, CD. "Just out and having fun going out. Wife accepts, not ready to participate. Spend a lot of time on the road and would like to hear from all over. It gets lonely, but fun with the right people. Need some help, but pass okay."

CHRIS C.
(NJ-P-M4266-K9042-71)
SWM CD, 27, 5'6", 125. CPA, athletic. Enjoys outdoors, movies. "Interested in meeting single female for companionship. Possible long-term relationship."

DENISE B.
(NJ-NP-M4471-K8267-73)
MWM hetero CD, 36+, 5'7". Member Chi Delta Mu, Tri-Ess. Attended Midnight in Manhattan '94 and will be at Holiday En Femme in NYC. Wife tolerant but not supportive. "Have been dressing since childhood. Looking for friendship, someone to talk to and help develop the feminine side. Enjoy going out en femme."

KANDICE MARIE K.
(NJ-M4966-K3773-72)
Early 40s. "Have enjoyed being a woman most of my life. Enjoy photography, movies and reading. Also like shopping for clothes and talking on the phone. Although I have crossdressed most of my life, am coming to terms with my transsexualism and hope to begin transition soon. Looking for friendship and sharing."

RACHEL TAYLOR W.
(NJ-P-M4609-K0453-71)
Tall, slender non-op M-FTS, quite passable, long auburn hair and greenish eyes, living P/T as female. Interested in art, antiques, cooking, gardening, music, shopping, travel. "On hormones, constantly working to bring forth the woman within. Seek friends, sharing with TSs, females, help to complete transformation. Referrals welcome."

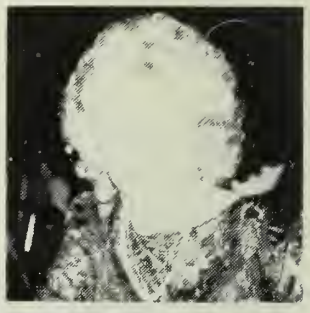
NEW YORK
(090- 149-)

WINNIE BRANT
(N NY-P-M0228-K0582-70)
Member Tiffany, Tri-Ess, TGIC. Awards: Miss Fantasia Fair. CD, 60+, 6'2". Many interests. Scientifically and culturally oriented. "Have attended many CD events. Very busy as president of TGIC, but will try to answer any correspondence."

CAROL TAYLOR
(NY-P-M0428-K0617-72)
MW, lifelong, dedicated. Goal to maximize femininity in body, comportment, apparel, accessories, etc. Originated, "Breast Plan," a free, safe, easy, non-hormonal breast enlargement process. Write for free instructions. "Natural 34C, 14/16, forty-something, sensuous, shaved, open-minded, clean, discreet, helpful. Enjoy corresponding, photo swap, meeting."

CONNIE TAYLOR
(W NY-P-M0434-K0657-71)
Member Tri-Ess, Phoenix Society. MWM, elderly, hetero TV, 5'5", 125, supportive wife. Likes clean-cut clothes and tall heels. Loves to correspond. "If you need somebody to talk to, just write. I really do reply to all letters promptly."

ANGELA S.
(NY-M0719-K0615-71)
Member EON. "We are a very special and gifted people. I am proud to know all my friends who are transgendered, and wish them all a pleasant journey on their chosen paths, and all my love."



DELORES M.
(SENY-P-M0808-K0555-72)
Member Chi Delta Mu (past president), LIFE, Serenity. Attended Fantasia Fair, Poconos W/E (1st runner-up, Miss Poconos), Coming Together. Married, middle-aged, 5'10", engineer, lifelong TV. Interested in fashion, photography, classic bebop, science, sailing, biking, tennis, autos, and being outdoors. "I love the fun part of the scene, and derive a lot of pleasure from it."

JODIE PAULINO
(W NY-M0973-K0653-71)
Member Rochyester CD-Network. Married 1972. "Told wife in '87, she tolerates, but doesn't want to see me as Jodie. Two daughters. Hobbies include photography, cinema, vegetable gardening, short wave/scanner listening and swimming. Want to meet potential members for Rochester CD-Network."

VICKIE STONE
(SE NY-P-M1035-K0559-71)
Divorced, 45, hetero, attor-

ney. Has been crossdressing entire life, and out since 1982. Besides cross-dressing, enjoys writing, singing, song writing, and plays bass guitar. Enjoys skiing, long walks. Only dates women who accept Vickie. Former editor, *Lifelines,* former member LIFE, Chi Delta Mu. Reply to letters sooner or later.

BONNIE HOWARD
(NY-M1186-K0655-71)
Size 10, TG businesswoman. "Single, well adjusted woman who carries herself with pride and confidence. Silks and suits or shirts and sweats. Welcome to my world."

FRANCINE C.
(NY-M1584-K0631-70)
Member EON. 5'10", 185. Interested in outdoors, reading. SWM. "Love the total feminine look. Interested in corresponding with all, especially in south central NY and northeastern PA."

ROBIN F.
(NY-NP-M2020-K2429-73)
SWM, mid-40s, 6', 165. College educated professional. "Enjoy full petticoats, minis, heels and lace. Would love to explore CD fantasies with other TV/TSs or understanding woman. There is something very sensual about lingerie, silk and nylons. Am trying to be a more faithful correspondent."

JUDY H.
(NY-M1920-K2200-70)
Member of LIFE. 43, married. Interested in military history, SF. "Looking for a friend to talk to, work on improving image, etc."

VICTORIA LOUISE NORRELL
(SENY-P-M1960-K2390-70)
"I am beautiful for I am me, I am Victoria and I love life. I am totally energized by living feminine and I am very proud. Class and dignity are my life and tho' I can never be a woman, I will never be anything less than a lady. If you write, I will answer. To all I wish peace, of mind, of spirit . "

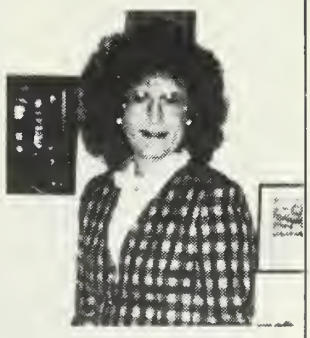
KATHERINE H.
(NY-P-M2073-K2139-72)
Member of TGIC in Albany. Attended Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91, Coming Together in Pitts & Philadelphia. 6', brown hair, post-op TS, college student. "Love music, humor, Broadway poetry, writing & corresponding, talking and being a woman."

JULIE ANN C.
(N NY-M1695-K0610-70)
Member TGIC, Albany, NY. Attended Fan Fair '78, '88-'93. Hetero CD, 54, 5'9", 183. Interests:family, hiking, camping, SF. Just an over-all, outdoors country girl.

STEPHANIE LYNN
(N NY-M1744-K1907-71)
DWM, 43, 5'9", 185. Strong TS feeling since early childhood. "Love the professional look: pumps, dresses, hosiery, etc. Would like to dress and get out more in the Southeastern NY area."

ROBYN E.
(NY-NP-M2361-K3078-72)
"I'd like to help some newly emerging CD or TS as well as hearing from others, too. I'm interested in spiritual development, intellectual depth, and sensitivity as a woman and as a whole person. I want to have friends who can appreciate that."

STEPHANIE JENNIFER W.
(NY-M2732-K4399-71)
Member of Tri-Ess.



SHARON ANN STUART
(NY-P-M2848-K4761-70)
Member Lambda Chi Lambda, Tri-Ess. Attended Dream, '70s, Miss Congeniality 1976. Vice Chair IFGE Board of Directors, Member of International Conference on Transgender Law, Director of Military Law Project and Bill of Gender Rights Project. Married, 6', 165, 53. "CD since age four. Out since 1968. Go out often. Enjoy writing fiction and poetry."

JENNIFER B.
(LI NY-P-M2441-K3429-71)
MWM, mid 40's, 5'9". Interested in metaphysics, psychology, reading, fashions. Trying to become computer literate. "Wife supportive. Seek meetings and correspondence with TVs/TSs who have a love for lingerie, corsets, feminine costumes and bondage fantasies. Am basically a caring sensitive person."

VERONICA MARTIN
(NNY-P-M2482-K3564-70)
SWM, hetero CD. "Enjoy the prissy girly feeling dressing up in full petticoats, square dance, and party dresses. Looking for the one real understanding gender woman in my life."

JOANNE S.
(NY-P-M2375-K3117-70)
"Fifty-something living in

upper Westchester County. Dressing forever, and so far have one foot out of the closet, but would love to get at least an entire leg out. Wife non-supportive, but I get by. I'd like to meet compatible sisters in the area, but will answer all."

NANCY ANN HOWES
(WNY-P-M2851-K4777-72)
Member Rochester CD Network. MWM with supportive wife. "Lifelong CD. Femme likes: lacy slips, makeup and perfume. Other likes: Hollywood, music, sports. Do my best to respond. NO SEX LETTERS. Let's talk girl talk!"

EMILY C.
(NY-NP-M2966-K5109-72)
MWM, hetero, supportive wife. Enjoys family, cooking, crafts, full expression. "Love to correspond and exchange ideas and experiences. Have grown considerably thanks to my sisters in the community. Photo exchange encouraged. Let's help each other grow."

KATRINA E. RYAN
(NY-M3817-K6258-73)
Member Rochester CD Network. MWM, 5'10", 240, BA degree. "I enjoy photography, model RR, cooking and corresponding. A wonderful world of beautiful people and experiences have helped me greatly to discover much about myself and happiness. I hope to continue my personal journey and growth with the help of others, meeting, sharing and having fun."

BRENDA VEE
(LINY-P-M3089-K5695-73)
Member: LIFE/Board of Directors. Fantasia Fair '93. SWTG, 44, socializes as a woman. "True 'gender jumper' who loves life and all its people. Learning the meaning of daily self-expression. Love shopping, dining, fashion,makeup,dressing well. Looking for pen-pals, friends, outings, sincerity. F to M, too!"

ANGELA MARTIN
(NY-P-M3252-K6426-70)
Member CD Network. SWM, forty-something. Lifelong CD. "Wrote and published, *Remember Hercules,* positive thoughts for CDs. Creative Viet Nam era Veteran. Actively working personal growth program."

CATHERINE L.
(NY-M4359-K3186-70)
Member Connecticut Outreach Society. MWM, 6'2", 41, hetero CD. "I have been dressing since teens. Came out five years ago. Don't pass too well, but I do go shopping dressed. Would love company or talk on all things feminine. Wife knows, not supportive."

SHARON HAYES
(NY-P-M3292-K6543-71)
MWM, hetero, CD, 5'7", 155. Interested in music. "Now retired. Wife supportive. We are looking forward to attending our first event together."

JANICE G.
(NY-P-M3316-K6587-71)
Member CCDC, Rochester CD Network, Erie Sisters, Buffalo Belles. Fantasia Fair '91, IFGE '92, Be All '92, '93. Buffalo area, S CD, 41, 5'6", 150, enjoy getting together with friends, or going out alone. Not passable, but haven't let that stop me. Other interests: *Star Trek,* Sci-Fi and fantasy, astronomy, hiking, American history, music."

NICOLE DANEÉ A.
(APO-M4402-K8900-72)
MBM hetero CD, 5'11", 160, 41, 41-32-41, 14. "Love all aspects of the feminine lifestyle. Let's talk! Love the career girl look, especially heels and ultra-sheer hose. Need advice on feminine deportment to pass. Never been out dressed, but will soon. Photo with letter gets mine."

JEAN TAYLOR
(NY-P-M3375-K6723-71)
Member CDI, LIFE. Attended Texas T '92. Married, CD/TV, 50's, 120, 5'6", with tolerant, understanding wife. Interested in SCUBA, skiing, shopping, and dining en femme. "Love to make and meet new TV friends all over USA & Canada. Can travel to meet & love to correspond and swap pictures."

JOANN S.
(NY-P-M3455-K7096-71)
Attended Fantasia Fair, Tri-Ess convention in Chicago. Retired, hetero, live alone, dress as often as I like, sometimes for weeks at a time. Interested in world travel (travel every chance I get), photography, fine dining. "Would like to hear from people who live near the eastern end of Long Island."

LEN N.
(NY-M4693-K10378-70)
"Attractive, slim, 51, open-minded WM seeks hermaphrodite for friendship, conver-

sation, and possible relationship. I am a non-sexist incurable romantic with varied interests."

MONIQUE DEVEREUX
(NY-P-M3609-K7691-72)
Member of LIFE. 5'10", 160, 30's. Single. Active in NYC and LA area. Active on Compuserve CB & Genderline. "Love going out everywhere and anywhere, especially shopping, dining, the theatre, clubs, and dancing. Especially interested in meeting understanding women, but will correspond with all."

VICKI MILLER
(NY-P-M3674-K7974-72)
30s, 5'10", with participating fiancée. "Love elegant antiques, gowns, vintage clothes, satin, velvet, Spandex to career wear, making videos. Seek submissive maids to worship their queens, and others who aspire to royalty, too! Hope to start club soon."

KELLY C. (NY-M4742-K10490-70)
5'10", 170, 37. Interested in hunting, fishing, cooking, and many other things. "Wife is aware, but does not support. Would like to meet other TVs in the Glenn Falls area to help take me out of the closet."

JODIE H.
(NY-P-M3700-K8044-73)
"Let the good times roll! Love doing clubs, malls, museums, or whatever! Married 23 years and having a ball doing it together. Have met many super people. Look forward to meeting many more. Let us know your favorite spot. See you out there! Have a great day!"

ERICA H.
(NY-P-M3937-K8489-70)
Member Long Island Femme Expression, Contributing editor for Connecticut Outreach News, Renaissance News, LIFELINES. Transgendered, pretty, passable, numerous public outings, upscale restaurants, nightclubs & beauty contests, polo and tennis matches, world-class shopper, single. Welcomes correspondence including newcomers coast-to-coast. "Life is worth living—get on with it!"

CANDY N.
(NY-M4762-K9213-70)
SWM, 40, 6', with supportive girlfriend. Interested in theater, music, and cooking. "Enjoy high heels, short skirts, hosiery, and lingerie. Dress as often as possible, and daily under masculine clothes. Looking to meet others. Answer all letters."

CAROL M.
(NY-P-M3982-K1297-70)
TV, 43, 5'11". Interested in skiing, sailing, outdoor sports, travel, Broadway plays. "Looking to expand my TV identity. Will travel and correspond to others with same interest. Please send letter with photo."

DANIELLE IANELLI
(NY-P-M4085-K7847-74)
"Am considered shy, but have many good qualities. 32. Strong TS tendencies, enjoy my feminine side. Dress up as often as possible. CD since age 4. Love to travel, take in a ball game, read a good novel and strive for total feminization. Want to make friendships in TV/TS community."

CARRIE K.
(NY-M4920-K9883-71)
Member MGN. mid-30s, professional, tall, thin, MTF pre-op TS. "Just beginning my transition. On occasion I've been a creator, sometimes an instigator, but now I find that I am an explorer. I'm interested in finding friends who share these feelings and perhaps understand where we might be going."

JULIE MILES
(NY-P-M4131-K8924-70)
SWM, 24, 6', 150. "I enjoy reading all forms of literature, especially those about TV/TSs. I love sports and music. Very interested in shopping, passing, and all things feminine. I love to correspond and exchange photos. I try to answer all as quickly as possible. Buffalo area."

TAMMIE ANDERSON
(NY-P-M4141-K8935-71)
Born 5/25/43. Married, two daughters. Teacher of math and computers for 28 years. "Have secretly dressed around the house since preteen, but only since joining Tri-Ess have I ventured out in daylight. I work around the house: gardening, repairs, construction. The computer is my hobby. Will write back to anyone who writes."

TINA A.
(NY-P-M4215-K7354-71)
Member TGIC. Attended Provincetown Outing '93. 52, 5'3", 145, white hair, blue eyes. Divorced TV living in both genders. Performing folk/ jazz musician, writer, cartoonist, motorcyclist in both genders. "Caring about people, including yourself, is what it's all about. The rest is props and stage setting. Answer all sincere letters."

MICHELLE D'SATIN
(NY-P-M4649-K2352-70)
5'6", 135, green eyes, TS, on hormones and electrolysis. Interested in movies, music, dancing, fashion, makeup, modeling, photography, architecture and design, and woodworking. "Seeking kindred spirits—TVs, TSs, and women—for correspondence, conversation, shopping, dining, friendship and mutual support. Love rainy days by the fire, glass of wine, spring flowers, fall colors."

ELIZABETH B.
(NY-P-M4248-K3480-72)
Single, 49, 5'7", hetero. "Interested in finding female companionship and TS friends. I am pondering about starting hormone therapy. Will gladly respond to all letters. Please include photo."

CAROL LEE
(NY-P-M4457-K4432-72)
Member NY Gender Alliance. TS, mid40s, 5'10", 162. Interested in movies, shopping; board games, dining out. "Would like to meet other CD/TSs, passable in NY, NJ or CT, or understanding woman who enjoys the above. Prefer articulate, intelligent individuals."

ALEXIS B. YOUNG
(NY-P-M4466-K9156-73)
5'10", 140, brown hair, hazel eyes, 40s, TS, single with feminine figure. Interested in nightlife, bicycling, music, movies, and electronics. "Would like to correspond and meet with other TSs for friendship, in areas of NYC or LI. Seeking to date tall men for ltr. Answer w/ photo."

RACHEL TAYLOR W.
(NY-P-M4609-K0453-71)
Tall, slender non-op M-F TS, quite passable, long auburn hair and greenish eyes, living P/T as female. Interested in art, antiques, cooking, gardening, music, shopping, travel. On hormones. "Constantly working to bring forth the woman within. Seek friendship, sharing with TSs, females, also help to complete transformation. Referrals most welcome."

ASHLEAH P.
(NY-P-M4638-K10232-70)
SWM, 25, new TV/TG feelings, not passable, but trying!"Looking to meet new passable TV/TG/TS & GGs. Made first appearance on my 25th birthday. Have been emerging more and more each day! Like to meet others to help me pass. Into computers, BBSs, flying, and being feminine. Send photo/ letter."

LISA I.
(NY-P-M4671-K10346-70)
Member MGN. MWM, 5'7", 142, 9, brown eyes and hair. Very passable. "Enjoy shopping, dining out, movies, plays. Love to party and dance. Looking to meet others who enjoy same. Women and men looking for lasting relationship should reply. Looking to meet others from Westchester area."

.FRAN ESTES
(NY-P-M4870-K9111-71)
Member Lambda Chi Lambda, Tri-Ess. Attended Be All '93, '94, Holiday En Femme '92,'93,'94. Married to accepting wife. "In closet until six years ago. Came exploding out. Dedicated to helping others, educating public.Dress as a dignified, mid-aged lady. Will correspond, exchange photos."

ALLISON CRAWFORD
(NY-M5010-K2929-72)
Member GICNE, XX Club. 6'0", 39, 185. Interested in sports, shopping, '60-70s music, romance novels. "Pre-op TS looking forward to the day my feminine self takes over. Starting hormone therapy fall '94. Seek others in the gender community, GG/ TSs for mutual friendship and support."

CLAUDIA TURNER
(NY-P-M4875-K9887-72)
SWM, 29, 6'4", 209, hetero CD. "I'm slowly trying to emerge from the closet. Maybe some of my fellow sisters out there can help? I love sports, movies, music, fashion.Favorite TV show is 'Designing Women.' Love to do photo swaps with glamour/fashion-conscious CDs."

SUSAN PARKER
(NY-P-M4706-K10407-70)
Member EON. Syracuse, 43, 5'8", 160, brown eyes. Married, yet very bi. "Have attended various conventions and conferences on crossdressing. Enjoy crossdressing, shopping, theatre, late night dinners, partying, dancing. Like to correspond with similar interests. Discretion guaranteed."

REBECCA BLUE
(NY-NP-M4912K10396-72)
"Beautiful CD (5'9", 147, 30) from Europe, new to New York, new to the pride of being different, seeks sisters (M and F) for friendship or more. Very androgynous, and not afraid of being M and F, not just M or F. More Grace Jones than a quiet housewife. Heavy into art, avant garde."

SONYA HARDENG
(NY-NP-M5026-K8993-74)
MW TV, W-NY/Erie, 5'11", 190, supportive wife, sometimes passable. "Enjoy going out shopping, long walks, drag bars with shows. I am shy but friendly, submissive as a woman, total look and feel. Looking for that special woman. Will answer all photo/phone. I look better than the picture."

PENNSYLVANIA (150- 196-)

BETH STEELE
(PA-M1031-K0663-71)
Member of Transpitt, Crossroads, TCNE. Attended Be All, Spring and Fall Provincetown Outings. Tall, thin, dressy, good talker. Interested in dressing up and going out to events, dinner, malls for shopping, and making friends.

MICHELLE DOUGLAS
(SE PA-M2623-K3889-71)
MWM, 40, 5'10", 185. Enjoy fine lingerie, satin dresses, and high heels. Married to accepting and helpful wife. "I'm a novice, and have never been out. Would like to correspond with married couples concerning CD relationships."

ROBIN FREY
(E PA-P-M0932-K0729-71)
Member Renaissance. Pre-op TS on hormones 5 years. "Would like to meet and settle down with Mr. Wonderful and become the housewife I long to be. I'm very neat and clean. Need financial help for surgery. Will work off loan. Can relocate. Love sun-bathing, boating, hiking, cuddling."

ALISON LAING
(E PA-P-M1242-K0733-70)
Founding member Renaissance Education Association, past National Managing Director and now Director-at-Large, Chairperson of the Congress of Transgender Organizations, Chairperson of the Outreach Institute of Gender Studies, Director Fantasia Fair '92, FanFair Miss Congeniality '86, Ms. Fantasia Fair '92, IFGE Site Selection Chair. Conduct voice and other workshops, wrote *Speaking as a Woman*.

JENNY W.
(PA-M2891-K4869-72)
Single TV, 33, 5'6", 140. "Passing and feeling wonderful as Jenny. Fun and outgoing with diversified interests. Love to hear from all sincere, including gender girls. I travel a little. Talk to you soon!"

REBECCA SUE M.
(PA-P-M1357-K0711-72)
"Retired professional WM mid-sixties, a long time CD now coming out of the closet. Love being feminine. Looking for person who is can provide a safe haven for several hours in daytime on a monthly basis in the suburban Philadelphia area so I can dress and in privacy. Will generously compensate that discreet person."

MARYANN KIRKLAND
(E PA-P-M1531-K0450-70)
Member Renaissance Education Association. Attended IFGE '90-'93, Renaissance Woman of the Year, '90. MWM, early 40's transperson. Wife is supportive. Interested in public outreach, college speaking visits, television shows, newspapers, personal letters. "Closets are for clothing, not people. If you would like to make this statement a fact of your life, write to me and my supportive wife."

KRISTINE JAMES
(PA-M3228-K6289-70)
Member CDI. When in New York City, come and visit CDI and Moonlight in Manhattan. I travel a lot, and would love to come and visit you in

LA, SF, Chi,elsewhere. Drop a line,let's get together when you feel like partying."

HARRIETT N.
(PA-P-M1623-K0668-70)
Member TransPitt. "Recently reached Big 50! May try gray wigs soon. 6'1", 14T. Hope to own Tall Girl Shop someday. Enjoy out of town meetings for shopping and fun. Like to pass, but also enjoy erotic and exotic clothes and TV tales. Collecting books and will trade."

JENNIFER WHITE
(W PA-P-M1722-K1880-71)
Member TransPitt, Paradise. Participant: 'Be All'. 5'10", 170, brown hair, green eyes. Interested in sports, fashion, writing, photography. "Looking for male escorts, CDs for shopping, going out.Nothing bizarre, please."

CHARLES M.
(PA-M4774-K10509-74)
SW M-F hetero CD, 56, 5'10", 260, member TCNE. "Would like to help hetero F-M CD discuss men's traditions during weekend meetings in PA Poconos, ABE area or Central NJ. It helps if you like Japanese and Chinese cuisine."

CRAIG SAMSON
(E PA-P-M1977-K2548-73)
SWM, 6', 35, with dark hair and blue eyes. "I am a masculine and well muscled male. I own a small construction business. Seeking that special TS for a true and caring relationship. Will also respond to very feminine TVs. Reply with photo. Answer all."

ROBIN F.
(W PA-P-M2020-K2429-73)
SWM, mid-forties, 6', 180. College educated professional. "Enjoy dancing in petticoats and twirling my full skirts. Also like showing off my legs in minis and heels. Fascinated by CD fantasies and love to explore these with other TV/TSs. There's something very sensual about lingerie, silk, nylons."

PHYLLIS JEAN W.
(W PA-P-M2770-K4563-71)
Member Transpitt. 5'11", late 30's, 160. Interested in painting, drawing, guitar, shopping. "I appreciate letters from my sisters, and will try to reply to as many as I can."

KATHY STONE
(PA-P-M3345-K6619-70)
MWM, early 40s, 5'10", 12, blue eyes. Enjoy shopping, dancing and listening, current events, sports, and fashions. "I travel extensively and would like to meet sisters and older gentlemen who know how to treat a lady for nights out, dating, or simply talking and friendship. Please send photo for prompt reply."

ROCCANA DEFAZIO
(PA-P-M3383-K6784-70)
"I'm Rikki, a fun-loving TV. Adore sexy, silky, lacy underthings. Searching for those feminine inner feelings. Impassioned by posing for photos and video sessions. Totally into modeling, which I'd love to share with others. Drop me a line and ask for some photos, I'd be glad to oblige."

WILMA ANNE SILVER
(PA-P-M3388-K6832-70)
Single, retired, hetero CD. "Now have time to refine femme self. Looking for support in joining organization and attending social functions. Would also like to find a female to enjoy the best of both worlds."

KRISTINE HOLT
(PA-P-M4013-K7597-70)
Member Erie Sisters. DW pre-op M-F TS, full-time and legal. Writer, speaker, advocate, litigator. Involved with community organizations, local affairs, 12 step groups. "Seeking confidential correspondence and /or meetings with sisters traveling same road to share the joys of this wondrous journey. Also men in NW PA."

SAVANNAH-JEAN DALTON
(PA-M4826-K4426-71)
Pre-op TS, 26, 5'6", 140, blonde, blue eyes. "SWF TRAPPED IN MAN'S BODY. New Sojourner, not yet courageous enough to dress in public. Needs sisters for friendship and guidance. Need special someone to hold hands with on this special journey."

KIM REDBURN
(PA-P-M4160-K8945-71)
Member Rochester CD Network. TS, 5'8", 155, brown hair, blue eyes. Interested in wildlife painting, nature, photography, collecting antique beer cans. "My wife has known from before we were married. We go out when I am dressed en femme often. Started dressing age 4. Wish to correspond with similarly interested people in northern PA and south NY."

DIANE DALE
(PA-NP-M4229-K7136-72)
Member Renaissance. MWM, hetero, CD with strong TS feelings, 40-something, 18. "Enjoy music, photography, shopping, clubbing, and am an avid aviator. Wife doesn't know. Dress only a few times a year. It takes a lot of sublimation and will power! Wish Diane could be around more often. Please write."

PAULA RICHARDS
(PA-M5022-K8097-72)
Professional writer/photographer, 36, M-F transsexual. "Would like to hear from anyone who has completed hormone therapy, SRS, etc., in transition."

D. McKAY
(PA-P-M4296-K8817-73)
Member TransPitt, Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together '93, Be All '94. 41, 5'11", 145, 10, very passable CD. Interested in helping others with femme image and mindset, and public awareness talks. W. Central PA area. "Will escort as male or femme shopping. Real Girls welcome also for meeting, maybe more. Femme photo gets response."

JESSICA BRANDON
(PA-P-M4838-K7044-71)
Hetero SBM, 35, 6'2", 195. "Have been crossdressing for over twenty years, but out of the closet for only three. My image is that of a stylish, sophisticated lady, and I always dress like a classy career woman. I'd love to hear from sisters, especially CDs of color."

KAREN K.
(SEPA-P-M4593-K9998-74)
Single TV/TS, 6', 160. "Want to make friends with other TV/TS/GG. Interests include fine dining, shopping, traveling, living as a she-male, glamour, theatre, seductive fashions, make-up, high heels and all that is feminine."

DELAWARE (197- 199-)

JAMIE L.
(DE-P-M4880-K5911-72)
Fun TV who loves fun people. "Would love to hear from other TVs and TV admirers."

LESLIE FAIRMONT
(N DE-P-M2425-K3335-70)
Member Renaissance. DWM, TV/TS, 12/6/40, 5'6", 135, blue eyes. "Pass in public. Attend 2 or 3 meetings per month. Seeking other sisters. Interested in all aspects of femininity. Intelligent, warm, caring, imaginative person, sense of humor."

AUDREY J. STEELE
(DE-P-M2434-K3366-70)
Member Renaissance, Tri-Ess. "To all who have written, please forgive me, I just could not keep up. Thank you all! I come and go dressed anywhere, so I'm out there, and very lucky to have met the people of each organization. I hope and pray that I can and have been of some help to others."

PHYLLIS VANETTA LARSON
(DE-P-M0931-K0742-70)
Gracious lady active in Tri-Ess, IFGE, Renaissance Mtgs. Photographed Tiffany Club's Awards Banquets '90-'94. Married over 45 years to an understanding, beautiful and gracious wife. Self-employed, often dresses in home and office, dines out dressed. Electrolysis completed in '84. Sails, Pilot, Churched. Resides in Southern Del. Letters answered.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (200- 205-)

MARY ELLEN K.
(DC-M1438-K0747-72)
WMM. Mature (61 years young). "Do not pass well and therefore do not go out. Do wear underthings regularly, they feel so comfy. Wife understanding and accepting to a degree. Would like to correspond with others in like circumstances, and exchange pictures dressed."

CHRISTINA FERRANTE
(DC-P-M2906-K4922-70)
SWM, 28, 5'10", 150. Sweet, shy yet sexy, enjoy stockings,bows, soaps and stuffed animals, very passable. "Interested in meeting new friends, writing and exchanging photos and stories."

BONNIE ELAINE LEONARD
(DC-M4440-K8190-76)
"Please help! I long to be a girl, but have a fear of not passing and a completely uncooperative wife. I want to contact others in my area, and to know of local businesses catering to TVs for clothing and shoes, hair, makeup, makeovers, voice training and electrolysis."

ROSSLYN SMITH
(DC-M4803-K2781-70)
Hetero, SWM, CD, 31, 5'9", 155, still in closet. Nonreligious, non-smoking, non-drinking, shy, well educated. "Enjoy *Star Trek, Seinfeld,* and *Simpsons*. Interested in public policy, conservative on most nonsocial issues. Like reading, museums, and quiet evenings. Love cardigans and vintage clothes. Dress conservatively. Like to meet understanding women."

KAREN ELIZABETH
(DC-NP-M4500-K9734-73)
Member TGEA. Tall, slim, 34, WASP, professional, feminist, non-op TS. "Been crossdressing since childhood to relieve severe gender dysphoria. Circumstances prevent SRS, but I can always dream. Would like to correspond with and meet other *gender dysphorics*."

MARY NEWMAN
(DC-M2226-K2671-70)
Member of TransPitt, TGEA. DWM, 47, 6', 180, TG living full time. Interests include reading, music, hiking, archery, fishing, shopping, personal growth. "Live with a very supportive significant other. Would like to correspond with others have like interests,make friends in Baltimore/DC area."

MARYLAND (206- 218-)

CINDY HENDERSON
(MD-P-M1725-K0757-70)
She-male, 35, married. "Wife is very understanding and supports my feminine development. Am interested in writing, talking, meeting, and networking with all who enjoy and participate in the trans-gendered lifestyle. Wife would especially like to talk with females who are dating or are married to TVs."

NANCY ANN BURDICK
(MD-P-M2046-K2444-73)
Member DCEA, WBA, Tri-Ess. Participant Fantasia Fair '90, '91, Poconos '92, Texas T Party '94, Be All '94. 5'9", 165, brown hair and eyes. Crossdressed since age 10. Now have complete wardrobe and dress part of every day. Enjoy being out in any activity. Love clean CD magazines, writing to CDs."

S. G.
(MD-M2847-K3353-73)
"At age 44 I have been a lifelong TV 'transgender fetishist.' Have an extensive library which I have maintained for 28 years—TV/TS material. Married with an understanding and supportive wife. Special interest in petticoat punishment and enforced TV. We love to make new friends. Please write!"

LAURA DANIELLE B.
(MD-M3911-K8376-73)
"42, 6', transsexual woman in transition, feminist, partially out, with all associated joys and pains. Retired surgeon. Orthodox Jewish upbringing. Divorced. Two lovely boys in Israel. Struggling with both my past and my future, trying to divine my path while realizing there is no path."

LEANNE THOMAS
(MD-NP-M4493K9708-73)
CD, 37, 5'8", 150, professional musician. "Slowly emerging from the closet. Wish to correspond with and meet other educated, imaginative TVs for sharing our femininity. I'm empathetic, articulate, creative, and give of myself. Love to dress. Wish to pass and socialize. Respond to all with photo."

KAREN ALEXANDRIA
(MD-P-M4645-K10254-70)
TS, 25, 5'10", 170. "Love to read, write, collect comic books, and cooking. Very passable. Looking for other sisters to start going out with. Willing to travel. Wish to share fantasies with all my sisters, especially those my own age. Still in the closet. Start hormones in August. Your letter/photo gets mine."

KATHERINE K.
(MD-M4905-K10858-71)
MWBi-TV, 6'3", 200, mature, trim, attractive, professional. "Have been crossdressing all my life, and enjoying every minute of it. But have been in the closet too long. Wife offers lukewarm support. Love to meet another bi-TV for friendship in MD/DC area."

VIRGINIA
(220- 246-)

JAYNE MACK
(VA-P-M1206-K0748-72)
WBiM, late-50s. "Looking for women, sisters and men to help me be the woman I want to be. Am a writer who is into jazz, computer-publishing and dressing up. Giving freedom and feminine side late in life, so in a bit of a hurry."

CHRISTINA SMITH
(VA-P-M1868-K2176-71)
Member Tri-Ess, Virginia's Secret. 6', 185. Just turned 50. Enjoy photography, big band music, collectable records, cooking, and going out dressed. "Like to write other sisters. Forming new Tri-Ess group in Richmond. Like to attend Holiday En Femme and others."

LINDA C.
(VA-M0703-K0784-70)
Member Tri-Ess. 5'8", 150, MWM, hetero TV. Interested in women's fashions, gourmet cooking, photography, music. "Enjoy meeting and corresponding with other TVs."

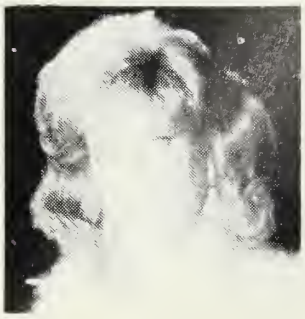
DEBBIE OGLE
(C VA-P-M2095-K2493-72)
Biber Girl, Class of '92. 6'1", brunette, green eyes, fair skin. Bisexual. Interested in computers, sci-fi music. "Things have really opened up for me since my surgery, and just keep getting better! Love to hear from others."

SHEILA W.
(VA-NP-M2276-K2832-73)
Member Virginia's Secret, Tri-Ess. 40, 6', 190, green eyes. Interested in photography, exchanging photos. "Friendly but shy. Try to be a good correspondent—not always successful. Enjoy meeting others."

KEMBERLY C.
(N VA-P-M2300-K2981-70)
Divorced, 5'11", lifelong crossdresser. "Dressed in secret for more than 30 years. Been out of the closet 8. Love my life. Can laugh at myself. Love to make contact with other Tvs. Enjoy shopping and being supportive of my sisters trying to come out of the closet."

DON C.
(VA-M4284-K1425-72)
AM, 5'9", 168, desires to meet personable TV/TS for friendship, etc. Travels mid-Atlantic region from VA to NY regularly. "Photo/phone desired. Discretion assured. Let's meet and enjoy life."

SAMANTHA W.
(VA-P-M3052-K5630-71)
Member Virginia's Secret, DCEA. MWM, hetero TV, 70's, retired, 5'9", 165, 14/16. Interested in amateur radio, sailing, wood carving, bridge, classical music, ballet, dressing, shopping. "Suppressed TV from boyhood. Delighted to discover Virginia's Secret and IFGE. First chance ever to tip-toe out of the closet. Wife not supportive. Welcome letters from other TV's."



JESSICA WARREN
(VA-P-M3673-K7973-72)
Member TGEA, TCNE. Attended Coming Together '93. SWM. 6', hetero, CD, 32. President TGEA. Interested in athletics, reading, computers, & shopping. "I strive to be passable and classy. Am very comfortable with myself. Enjoy meeting and helping other CDs. Good correspondent. Letters from all transgendered people and women welcomed. Photo appreciated."

DAVE B.
(VA-M4881-K5926-71)
Bi-MWM, 42, 6', 180, blonde, blue eyes. Considered handsome with a warm and friendly disposition. "Travel, US, Canada and overseas. Wish to meet a TV/TS who desires a special relationship. Full of fun and mutual respect. Photo with your response would appreciated."

DIANE VAN HORNE
(VA-NP-M4730K10459-70)
D, 34, tall, slender, discreet. "Wish to correspond with all who are in need of LSF. I answer every letter, but give priority to those with a photo. Have enjoyed making all ny new friends, hope to continue to meet more. You have helped make '94 the best year of my life."

ANDREA D.
(VA-M4897-K10847-71)
MWM, 40, 6", 245, 24, Bi tendencies. "Enjoy dressing, but closeted. Love to wear lingerie, nylons, heels as well as fantasy dressing—maids and nurses. Would enjoy talking to and meeting others with similar interests in DC area/California. Please write."

WEST VIRGINIA (246- 268-)

KAY LIGHTNER
(WV-P-M2435-K3374-70)
Married CD with highly supportive spouse. "We both enjoy being out in the community and have attended Be All and Paradise in the Poconos. Have recently started vacationing en femme and coming out to select straight friends. I am an avid sewer and cartoonist, love to write."

DEBBIE LUCAS
(WV-M3393-K6841-71)
Member of Trans-WV. One of the founders of Trans-WV. "5'7", 40, brown hair, brown eyes, great sense of humor. Have understanding wife who helps me. I've been a TV all my life and I love passing in public. Would like to find more TV/TSs in my area."

NORTH CAROLINA (270- 289-)

FRANCES T.
(NC-P-M1245-K0823-70)
Member TVC, Tri-Ess. Participant Coming Together, Be All. Late 30s, 5'7", 140. "Pass very well. Enjoy shopping chatting with store clerks, beauty personnel, etc., who know me. Flew dressed to my last convention. Look forward to doing it again next year. Browse in women's magazines,dress catalogues. Not a good correspondent."

KATHERINE D.
(NC-M4128-K8921-71)
Married, professional, crossdresser. Interested in sports and fashion. "Kathy has been crossdressing several years, but is just now discovering her femme self. She is a new member of Tri-Ess. Goal is to develop so that she may pass in public."

STEPHANIE DULA
(NC-P-M2519-K3660-71)
Member TGA. 5'9", 22, TG. Interested in art, music, walking, outreach to others in our community. "Just enjoy being me. I am happily engaged to a wonderful, loving lady. Would like to hear from other couples in Central NC ."

PATRICIA P.
(NC-P-M3276-K6450-72)
"I'm 29, semi-vegetarian, a non-smoker, professional, and sincere. Seeking caring and sincere friends. Chemist looking for job leads in the adhesive coatings, laminates, environmental or PCB industry. Interested in music, the outdoors, hockey, mutual funds and gender issues."

DEBBIE N.
(NC-NP-M3497-K7213-71)
Dual-gendered (androgyne), sober, vegetarian 40 years old. Interested in art, philosophy, femininity. "Have very supportive and loving female mate. Out of the closet, and finally out of the house! Enjoy correspondence, contact with our community. Men certainly invited to write."

MIKKI LYNNE
(NC-P-M3792-K3263-72)
SWM hetero TV, 45, 5'9", 12, 36A, pilot, real estate investor. "Enjoy fitness, health, sexy leather fashions, high heels, sheer hosiery, cool autumn day walks en femme. Love to correspond and exchange polite, glamorous, sophisticated photos with all intelligent TV/TSs, no men, thanks. Am discreet, reliable, and will write back."

GINA WRIGHT
(NC-M4432-K9675-72)
"I am a white, Male-to-Female crossdresser. I live in Lexington, NC and would like to meet others like me. I am closeted and would like to remain that way. Also interested in meeting males and females who understand my lifestyle. Whites only, 18-55 years, please contact. I am 34 years old."

JACKIE J.
(NC-P-M4048-K8273-70)
SWMCD, 40ish, 5'9", 165. "Lucky to have the gift of experiencing the best of both worlds. Thoroughly and equally enjoy the persona of Jackie and of her male counterpart. SO doesn't know. Interests are varied(*.*) Live in small town. In closet, but out SOON. Slow on corresponding, will write, send picture."

EMMA S.
(NC-M4864-K6443-71)
Single 35 CD with bi-tendencies, 6'2", 280 and losing. "Really just began dressing. *DEEP* in the closet. Family would not approve if they knew. Seeking discreet friendship and advice on CD. Prefer '50s glamour look, especially gowns, girdles, corsetry and cigarette holders. Major interests: history, RR, politics, clothing. Please write!"

PAMELA ROGERS
(NC-P-M4235-K9428-72)
"This Carolina girl loves go-

ing out and cherishes time as Pamela, but derives her real satisfaction in helping others. Enjoy sending letters and photos to friends from all over. Love the humorous side of our transgendered community, and proud to be part of it. Write soon! Eager to make new friends."

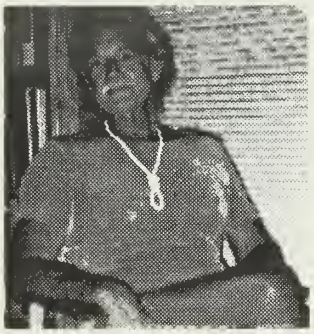
GINGER M.
(NC-P-M4313-K5509-71)
MWM, hetero, 42, 6', 175, blonde hair, blue eyes. Interested in dressing as Ginger, all things feminine. "After suppressing CD desires, have accepted Ginger as a big part of me. Intolerant wife limits opportunities. Still semi-in closet. Been out twice. Want to write/meet warm, sincere TV/TS/CD to discuss feelings, techniques."

LISA R.
(NC-M4936-K10950-71)
TV/TS seeks employment in US. Bachelor degree Agronomist. Currently quality assurance lab technician. Laboratory or botanical opportunities preferred, but open to alternatives.

JENNY P.
(NC-M4971-K8654-72)
SWM, 5'4", 26, 160 (trying to lose). "I am a very shy person. Been closeted crossdresser all my life. Looking for a friend to write to. I need advice on passing and coming out. Please write."

SOUTH CAROLINA (290-299)

BOBBIE ANN B.
(SC-M2874-K4857-72)
DWM. hetero, CD, 36, 6'1". "Love dressing in hose, heels and lingerie. Dressing since age 8. Making progress, but still need help. Must be careful due to home situation. Would like to correspond with TV/TSs and GG, maybe meet. Love girl talk."



LEE C.
(SC-NP-M4926-K4696-72)
"Been crossdressing partially for many years in the closet. Recently came out. Love it! Have collection of lingerie. Looking for kindred spirits in area to share friendship. Like to correspond and meet new friends."

GEORGIA (300-319)

MICHELLE KELLY
(GA-P-M3054-K5640-73)
6', 170, blue eyes. "Traveling throughout Georgia."

WENDY WEST
(GA-M1486-K0842-71)
Member of human race. "While she loves dress-up as much as the next girl, this Taoist CD is primarily interested in hearing sisters who seek spiritual dimensions of 'gender euphoria.'"

RACHEL W.
(GA-P-M3251-K6404-71)
MWM. "Starting therapy for TS. Have a very supportive wife who wants me to be Rachel always. Would love to hear from all TS women."

DIANA AUSTIN
(GA-P-M3283-K6478-70)
"Vivacious, trim, fun-loving, 35-year-old CD who would like to get to know you. If you enjoy stimulating conversation, summer nights, fashion, and fine wine, why not write? Try not to disappoint all who send a note."

ANNIE LYNN
(GA-P-M3298-K6557-70)
Tall, blonde, blue eyes. Interested in movies, sports, history, the outdoors. "Looking for new friends. Travel the southeast. Would very much like to meet others who share my interests. Would like to meet new friends."

JANE A.
(GA-M4820-K1223-71)
Attended P'town Outing '84. CD early 40s. "Am new to Savannah and would like to meet new friends. Love to sail and spend time in the sun! Am a Leo, and love to have fun. Active with the U.U. and have done some community theater. Try to answer all."

CASSANDRA MONROE
(GA-M4061-K8792-70)
6'4", 270, brown hair, eyes. Interested in CD, stamps, collecting recipes. "Would like to reestablish contact with former correspondents. Lost all addresses, etc. in accident 8/10/92. I am a quadriplegic due to the accident, but am learning to use a computer for correspondence. Attempt to answer any letters sent."

MICHELLE L.
(GA-M4724-K9565-70)
In therapy for lifelong gender/body conflict. "Am seeking mutual support and encouragement with this issue as well as good, honest friendships. Also looking for support groups here in SE GA and NE FL. Can anyone help? Will answer all who write. Please, no sexually explicit letters. Thank you."

FLORIDA (320-340)

AUSTINE B.
(FL-P-M1086-K0910-72)
DWM CD, TS inclinations. 54, 5'8", 150, sensitive,

gentle, and caring. "In and out of closet since childhood. Many varied interests. I am a friend of Bill W. and seek correspondence or meetings with others whose addictions have affected their gender dysphoria."

PETRA DAWN
(FL-P-M1314-K0817-73)
Member Sigma Epsilon, Tau Lambda (TLC). Late-30s, married with two children. Computer literate. "Active on various BBS including Tri-Ess BBS and Genderline and am exploring the Internet. We are forming a new group, TLC, and would like to hear from like-minded sisters in the north Florida or south Georgia area."

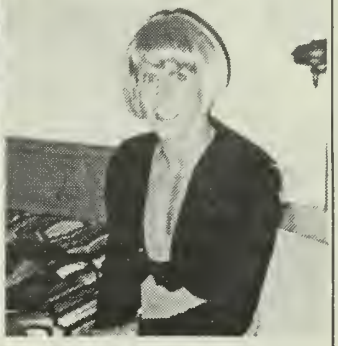
CLAUDIA K.
(FL-M1833-K1010-71)
Member Crossport, CFS, Sigma Epsilon. Attended Be All, Texas T Party, Southern Comfort. Interested in sunshine, my home, travel, still & video photography. "Enjoy meeting new people. Am anxious to help CDs of any age out of the closet and into a support group."

VANESSA B.
(C FL-P-M1396-K0931-73)
Member Central FL Sisters, Southern Belles. 45, 5'5", 150. Interested in meeting with other sisters, and going to various outings/clubs with my sisters. "I have accepted my feminine self. Can't get enough of Vanessa. Would like to be more passable so as to go to straight places."

JOANNE SHANNON
(FL-NP-M2690-K4330-71)
MWM, 6'3", MID-40s. Member of Tri-Ess and Central Fla. Sisters. "Lifelong CD just beginning to accept my feminine self. Wife is very tolerant of Joanne. In the closet but slowly emerging, could use some help and encouragement. Enjoy corresponding and would like to meet other sisters in NE FL."

SISSY K.
(FL-M3926-K8439-71)
MWM, 36. Interested in submissive crossdressing. "Interested in corresponding with others interested in maid service, forced crossdressing and obedience to dominant women, and others. Love to share interactive fantasies."

JEAN RICH
(FL-P-M2824-K4690-71)
Attended Southern Comfort, Manhattan Madness. Hetero, 5'8", 150, very fit entertainer. Interested in dancing, biking, photography, stock market, shopping. "Party animal. Enjoy clubbing and meeting new sisters around the country. Travel to many functions. Recent documentary done on my lifestyle. Photo performances at Cabaret in Ft. Lauderdale."



JODY N.
(FL-P-M2968-K5101-72)
Member Central Florida Sisters, Serenity. SWM, 5'6", 125, thirty-something. TS inclinations. "Interested in hearing from GGs and like-minded individuals. Pre- and post-op. Photo, please, if possible. Peace."

PATRICIA GREENE
(FL-M4256-K9546-71)
"I thank God daily for my blessings: wife, daughter, friends accept me crossdressed, even encouraged to do so at home. I never would have believed that it could happen to me, but it did. Take heart, it could happen to you!"

DENISE PAUL
(FL-P-M3334-K6615-71)
MWM, 5'7", 16. Very supportive spouse. Interested in computers, travel, and communicating with other sincere and discreet people. "Have enjoyed crossdressing since the age of 8. We would like to hear from others who share our lifestyle. Can be contacted through Prodigy CTC B91A or by mail."

STEPHANIE CARIN MICHAELS
(FL-P-M3753-K8207-72)
Member Central Florida Sisters. SWM, 39, 5'6", 145. Interested in aviation, ballroom dancing (long, elegant gowns), and studying feminine characteristics. "Seeking a CD girlfriend in my area to go out on the town with. Love sharing my thoughts and feelings as a crossdresser."

NORMA SUE ALLISON
(FL-P-M3794-K0407-73)
5'8", 180. "Pre-op TS who loves romantic evenings, country music, corresponding with others, and all things feminine. Currently separated from non-supportive spouse. Enjoy shopping and dining out. Will answer all who write. Photo gets mine in return. Would love to meet others from the Tampa area."

ZOT SZURGOT
(FL-M4653-K10264-70)
Member Q-moon, League of Big-Footed Women. Progres-

sive SWM Winkte TV, 34, solar electrician. Do canoeing, woodswalking, cooking, reading, earth-centered spirituality, travel, sustainable culture, peacemaking, dancing. "Working on one honest, integrated self capable of serving myself, friends, family, community, the biosphere and the numinous. Love to laugh, and you can, too."

KAREN ANN R.
(FL-P-M4018-K8675-72)
MWM, TG, hetero, forty-something. Member Tri-Ess, Central Florida Sisters. Interested in computers and telecommunications. "Enjoy BBSing, answering letters, shopping, reading, and almost everything feminine. Enjoying a second chance at life with 100% self-acceptance, partial acceptance from wife and friends. Promise an answer if you write."

DENISE B.
(FL-P-M4035-K8736-70)
Married, hetero CD, 38, 5'10", 155. Attended '93 Be All. "Working on telling wife. Dress about twice a month. Member of local support group and frequent accepting gay bars. Have been shopping in the malls once and was in heaven! Would like to start local club/lounge for TV/TSs. Let's write and exchange ideas."

VICKY S.
(FL-M4639-K10237-75)
WM CD, 35. "Would like to hear from others in the Bahamas, and anywhere else. Will answer all. Wife,children very supportive and encouraging."

PAMELAANN B.
(FL-P-M4695-K10384-70)
DWM, 50s. "Have been dressing for years, but need help getting past front door. Passable, maybe. Second opinion welcome as well as support. Enjoy all sports, photography, music, dressing as often as possible. Photo and phone appreciated. Will answer all."

ALABAMA (350-369)

RENÉE PHILLIPS
(AL-M2535-K3705-70)
MWM, 37, 5'11", life-long TV. Go out and have passed at times. "I enjoy being soft and gentle, as feminine as I can. I adore satin and lace, shopping, socializing, fashion, arts, travel, and girl talk. Like to meet others with similar interests. Desire correspondence. Will answer promptly."

CELESTE RICHARDS
(AL-M3197-K6191-70)
Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon, ETVC, on AEGIS staff. Attended Holiday En Femme '92. 41, 166, 5'9", 16, dress to pass. Interested in helping others, Macintosh DTP, member in women's groups, shopping. "CDing is the portal and liberation of my inner self. Was not complete until I learned to be the woman inside. 'To empower others is an act of compassion. To empower yourself is an act of courage.'"

PAULA R.
(AL-P-M2820-K4698-72)
Member Sigma Epsilon, Montgomery Institute, NOW, LWV, ACLU. Attended Southern Comfort '91, '92, '93. DWM, 59, 5'10", 174, TG-TS? Interested in boats, cooking, theater, music, collectibles, Civil War buff, active in environmental groups, local historical preservation society. Semi-retired. Travel at will.

ANNE ARMSTRONG
(AL-M1478-K0934-73)
Member Tri-Ess. "Would welcome letters. Will answer quickly. Curious about other TV fantasies, clothes, etc. Am still in the closet."

SARAH C. JAMES
(AL-M4764-K10766-70)
DWM, 53, 5'8", 145, professor, author. "Recently became aware of Sarah and all she means to me. Dress only in private. As an author, would like to write about TS/TV/CD in serious way. If you would like to share your ideas, feelings, relationships, special events in your life with me, please write.."

TENNESSEE (370-384)

KAREN T.
(TN-NP-M3039-K4983-73)
DWM, 5'11", 135, 9/10, 50s. "The feeling of short, tight skirts and high heels drives me wild. Would love to meet slim caring men or women attracted to CDs. Occasionally free to travel or entertain at home."

LORRIE RENAE T.
(TN-P-M4655-K7766-70)
5'11", blue eyes, blonde hair most of time, 22, hetero CD. Single and very much in closet. "Would like to meet an understanding female for possible relationship. Would also like to meet other hetero CDs for help in promoting feminine self."

MISSISSIPPI (386-396-)

SISSY S.
(MS-P-M3443-K7091-71)
Member of Tri-Ess, Beta Chi. 5'11", 190, SWM, 38, hetero. Interested in being a woman and meeting women and CDs in MS. "Love going to restaurants, movies, and shopping as Sissy. Seek supportive females for friendship/relationship. I enjoy being a girl, don't you?"

MELANIE CUEVAS
(MS-P-M4218-K7363-71)
Member Tri-Ess. 6'4", 205, MWM, hetero CD. "Play guitar, shop, read. Wife supportive at home. Still in closet. Passable. Quiet and sincere. Would love to correspond and possibly meet others in MS. Please send picture. Will answer all."

KAREN SCOTT
(MS-P-M3472-K7184-72)
Member of NOW. SWM, 5'10", 170. Interested in TV, sports, soap operas. Retired widower, former Avon lady, L'Oreal hair color technician. Like wigs, makeup, and wearing all feminine attire. "Love hats, millinery, sleep en femme. Crossdressed since twelve years old. Love to hear from all CDs in New Orleans area. Write. Send pictures."

JOANN LYNN
(MS-P-M3858-K3224-70)
MWM, bi-TV, 5'8", 135, 36B-29-36. Interested in meeting other CD/TV/TSs, MS Gulf Coast and New Orleans or Mobile, AL areas. "Love to dress as a female. Wife not supportive. Will travel for daytime meetings for a relationship. Seeking others who can help me be the female I crave to be."

KENTUCKY (403-427-)

LYNNE B.
(KY-M1992-K2494-72)
Interested in corresponding with a TV/TS.

LINDA BUTEN
(KY-P-M2001-K0965-99)
Member Crossport, IFGE Board of Directors. Participant Be All, Coming Together. MWM TV, 6', 180. "Been in public for years, and understand self and others well. Wife and children know, understand and love Linda as an extension of my personality. Enjoy dating tall, well-mannered gentlemen who know how to treat a lady to the finer things in life."

DANA LYNN HOUSTON
(KY-P-M2524-K3731-72)
Creative and sensitive TG (not kinky), committed to achieving womanhood with or without the OPERATION. Lives as a woman in heart, mind and soul, but professionally as a man. Loves music, art, literature, cooking, gardening and design. "Married to loving woman, always my friend, even if surgery ensues."

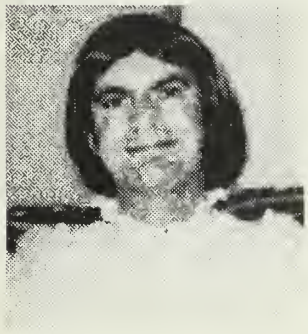
OHIO (434-457-)

MICHELLE RICHARDS
(OH-NP-M0954K1005-73)
Member Paradise, CrossPort, Alpha Omega, Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon, Empathy, FIL, Serenity, and Tiffany. Hetero crossdresser, 5'9", 170, educated, friendly. Married 20 years to an "A" wife. An original organizer of Paradise. "I enjoy dressing, hi-heels, 'girl talk,' and picture-taking sessions. Need help on feminine voice. Started dressing at 7. Now in late 40's"

FRAN S.
(OH-M0848-K1016-71)
Member Tri-Ess. 70+, 5'9", 180. "Still in closet, but hurting. Nonsupportive spouse. Love dressing, but live in small town with limited opportunity. TS-oriented. Some hormones. Christian. Enjoy writing, fishing, femme fashions, music, reading. Want to meet other CD/TV/TS, but scared."

LYNN SHERMAN
(OH-P-M1244-K0988-70)
"Looking to meet nice people in the Northeast Ohio area, including other TVs, TSs, men, women and couples who enjoy ultra-femininity."

KIMBERLY DENISE GRAY
(SW OH-M1628-K0035-70)
"Curious crossdresser awaits correspondence with GG/TS/TV to help with new feminine behavior. All help appreciated. Love lingerie, sexy looks, and intelligent conversation. Will try to answer all who write."



MARY R.
(OH-NP-M1731-K1875-73)
Hetero, SWM, 38, CD, 12T, brown hair, green eyes, gentle, passive,very shy. Interested in fashions, cooking, shopping,everything feminine. "Love to hear from any genetic woman. Ultimate goal is to be in total role reversal with sincere woman who understands my feelings."

CLAUDIA K.
(OH-P-M1833-K1010-71)
Member CrossPort, IXE, CFS. Attended Be All, Texas T Party, Fantasia Fair, Southern Comfort. A young old person who is retired. Interested in photography, golf, computers (Prodigy FMTX16A). "Since I live in Florida in the winter and the midwest in the summer, I can offer my support to the new girls in these areas. We can write, talk on the phone or computer, or visit in person."

SUSAN KNIGHT
(N OH-P-M2053-K2450-72)
Divorced, hetero CD. 51, 6', 185. Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. "Enjoy fishing, camping, and old movies. Dress anytime I can and absolutely love it. Still in closet, but dress with sisters who live close by. If you live in the Huron/Erie County area and feel alone and frustrated, maybe I can help. Completely discreet."

KATHERINE H.
(OH-M1994-K2073-71)
Member CLCC, Paradise Club. Divorced, 40, TV/TS, Bi, blonde, attractive. Interested in fashion, movies, music, cooking, gardening, golf, Yoga, aerobics. "Seek understanding friends in Ohio, M or F. Intelligent, successful, articulate. Pass easily. Like to meet others for fun & conversation."

RHONDA MILLER
(OH-P-M2150-K2546-70)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. Attended Be All '93. Divorced CD, 55, 5'7", 168, nicely proportioned, passes easily. Enjoys girl talk and picture taking sessions. Goes to restaurants, clubs and shopping en femme on regular basis. Hosted slumber parties in '93 and '94. Through this Personal has met many wonderful TV/TSs. "Will answer all."

LISA HART
(OH-P-M2591-K3760-73)
Member Paradise Club. MWM hetero CD, 36, 5'10", 155. "Into country living, beagle hounds, being Lisa and everything feminine. Very understanding wife. Have been out shopping and to dinner a few times, but still learning to relax. Seeking CD girlfriend in my area for girl talk and trips out. NW OH."

DIANE M.
(OH-M2212-K2660-73)
SWM, 5'11", 160. "Very strong TS desire. Quiet and shy, but anxious to make friends with others who have the same feelings. I would also like to correspond and meet females who could help bring out woman that I should be."

AMY L.
(OH-P-M2671-K4180-72)
"Single, bi-TV, 33, 5'3", clean, discreet, but lonely. Like to hear from females, TV/TS for dates, friendship, support and possible relationship. I enjoy nature, photography, romantic evenings. Live near Wheeling, WV, but travel some. No men or married TV unless wife is involved. Photo and SASE appreciated."

JENNY R.
(OH-M3118-K5657-70)
6', SWM, 135, CD, 33. Interested in long walks and crossdressing. "Would like to meet or correspond with other hetero CD/TV/GGs for long talks and improving my femme side."

JOAN B.
(OH-P-M3224-K6235-70)
Attended Southern Comfort. 5'5", 160, TS, married, professional, honest, caring, and discreet. Wife not supportive. Interested in sports, cooking, shopping, romantic evenings and long walks. "Love dressing and going out. Want to meet other TV/TSs and women for friendship and support. Central Ohio area, but travel extensively. Will answer all."

THERESA RICHARDS
(OH-P-M3244-K6409-71)
Member Paradise Club. "I am making great strides in our community, having been elected president of my support group in only two years. Willing to help out any and

all who wish to write with questions, or just to be friends."

ROXANNE LEWIS
(OH-P-M3582-K7576-71)
5'3", 140, C, new woman, non-smoker. Interested in science, Sci-Fi, psychology, New Age, past lives. "Interested in meeting like-minded men and others for fun friendships and support. Non-smokers."

TRACY WINTERS
(OH-M3622-K4238-71)
Member Central Florida Sisters, Alpha Omega, Paradise Club, Crystal Club. MWM, TV, 5'7", 150, 50ish. "Wife not supportive. Would like to meet and/or correspond with TV/TS/GG in NCO or anywhere else. Please include photo."

CINDY TRAUM
(OH-P-M3589-K7569-71)
Member Crystal Club, Crossport. 5'8", medium build, brown eyes, Vietnam Veteran, college education, professional. "Lifelong CD. Like photo sessions, dining at nice restaurants, theater and traveling. Have attended several conventions. Enjoy going places en femme."

KRISTINE JONES
(OH-P-M3931-K8465-70)
Member Crossport. Attended Be All. TV, 160, 16, redhead, married, 6'. Interested in dancing, shopping, conversation, sewing, cosmetology, and passing. "Love being Kristine whenever possible. Like being well dressed. Pass well except for height. Love going to exciting nightspots en femme. Learning hairstyling, sewing, and performance (lip sync). Will answer all, exchange photos."

ROXANNE L.
(OH-M3755-K7391-73)
MWM, 43. Interested in music, reading, heart to heart conversations, feminism, Goddess religion, cross-gender psychology, writing. "Want to correspond with other sisters for mutual aid and growth. Am just emerging from closet and looking for friends with similar interests."

TATIANA R.
(OH-M3886-K7267-73)
MWM hetero TV, 40s, 6', 165. Active on Compuserve's Genderline. "Would like to hear from others in the Ohio area. Am in search of a good support group."

JOANN HOFFLER
(OH-M3955-K8523-73)
M-F TS, 35. Interested in computers, sailing. "Seeking professional consultation and support. Would like to talk with new M-F TSs with same interests."

HEATHER P.
(OH-P-M4117-K8922-71)
Member Cross-Port. Attended Southern Comfort. 6', middle-aged. Interested in shopping, night spots, restaurants. "TS loves to go out on the town. At this time living 60-75% of the time as the right sex. Working toward 100%. Like to correspond,meet TS/CDs."

MARLENE HENKE
(OH-M4187-K6487-71)
Member Crystal Club. MWM, 40, 6'4", CD. Interested in computers and traveling. "Wife understands and we are dealing with my crossdressing together. Just coming out of the closet, but not out the door yet. Would like to correspond with other retired military persons."

PAULA HARMSTON
(OH-M4337-K6968-72)
Member Tri-Ess. 6', 170, brown eyes and hair, 44, professional, married, hetero. Interested in old movies, music. "Travel frequently on business. Enjoy meeting sisters from around the country. Enjoy shopping, restaurants, etc."

DENISE SMITH
(OH-M4404-K9460-72)
"Hi, I'm Denise. I'm 34, 5'6", brn/brn, 12/14. I enjoy golf, racing, guitar and lots of other stuff. I'm divorced with two boys, so I have to be somewhat careful. I pass well and love to go out!! Seeking other TG/TVs,understanding GGs for friendship, maybe more."

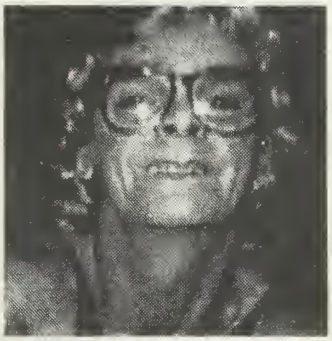
SHERRI LEE
(OH-P-M4612-K8185-70)
DWM hetero CD, 6', 200, 47, blue-eyed blonde. Recently divorced. "Have been dressing since early teens, but have not been able to express myself until recently. Love all things feminine. Want to meet others in Northeast Ohio to talk and share experiences and help one another achieve our feminine goals."

INDIANA (463-479)

ANNIE JOHNSON
(IN-M3400-K6858-71)
Member IXE. "Transgendered, non-op by choice. Living full-time and trying to stay self-employed-computers are my real love-consulting and counseling on spirituality, diversity, corporate culture and gender."

YVONNE COOK-RILEY
(IN-P-M1009-K1818-99)
IFGE Director of Operations, IFGE Board of Directors, Chrmn Finance Committee. Lifetime member IXE. IFGE Trinity Award, 1991. Friendly and sincere individual who enjoys all people who are involved in gender issues.

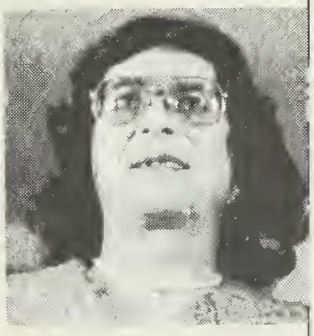
VANESSA W.
(IN-P-M1166-K1046-73)
Member of StLGF. Attended Fall Harvest '91, Miss Best Dressed, Southern Comfort '92. MWM, TV, 32, 5'9". "Love shopping, sightseeing, and modeling as my fenne self. I'm a recent bride married to a very supportive woman who is my wife, my sister, my love. Would like to correspond with and meet select couples."



VERONICA MAE S.
(IN-P-M1712-K1886-70)
"Looking to meet sisters in northern IN, S MI. Too many interests to list. Also, lots of hobbies. Have the Who cares? attitude,just dress, go out as I please and love it!Looking for steady boy-friend! Must be understanding, Romantic, Nice! Hurry!"

TEDDY K.
(IN-M3805-K8287-72)
MWM, CD, DQ. "Nearing retirement, but vital and active. On a continuous voyage of discovery. Interests include writing, music, history, tennis, bicycling. Tri-Ess, CIGA and IXE. Paradise in the Poconos. Looking for CD friends of all ages, but especially over 55. Experienced, loving and prudent."

DAN COOK-RILEY
(IN-P-M1802-K1029-99)
Member IXE, IFGE Volunteer. Female CD, 40's. Sincere, caring individual. Interested in corresponding with other female-to-male CD/TSs. Enjoys hiking, dancing, T'ai Chi Ch'uan, talking with others, helping others "coming out."



DEBORAH ANNE K.
(IN-NP-M2011-K2422-73)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended Be All '90-'94. MWM, 54, 5'9", 150. Interested in gardening, shopping, housework, bowling, fishing, NASCAR, target shooting. "Enjoy dressing in cotton to silk, and do so when wife is away. She knows. Learning to apply makeup. Would like to help in person or correspondence."

JANET P.
(IN-M4300-K2571-72)
5'11", married to a supportive wife, 41. "Just accepted who I am. Have been a CD since 8. Like philosophy, history, very femme attire, shopping with my wife for Janet's things, and being outdoors. Have only been out as femme self once. Would like to correspond with hetero CDs."

LAURA A. SIMS
(IN-P-M3956-K6882-70)
Member Chi Chapter, Tri-Ess; IXE. New CD. MWM, 54, 5'9", 170. "Attended Southern Comfort, '93, and learned much about myself. Wife supportive, but not involved. Will answer all letters and share photographs."

BARBARA DAHL
(IN-P-M4056-K8779-71)
Member Tennessee Vals. Single TV, tall and slender. "Enjoy going out dressed to clubs in Nashville, TN. Occasionally perform as a female impersonator. Enjoy interesting people, fashion and music. Please include photo. Try to answer all."

RANDI E.
(IN-P-M4080-K8767-70)
Hetero married CD, 44. "My wife is totally disabled, caring for her limits my time to dress, or do just about anything else. Try to answer any letter. Love short skirts and high heels."

VICTORIA LEE
(IN-P-M4112-K6392-70)
MWM, 48, 5'7", hetero TV, professional educator. Like jazz, classical music, dance, nature, technology and the future. Everything soft and feminine. "Have loved dressing as a girl since I was 4. I am trying to come out in spite of living in a small rural town. I make a better effort at corresponding."

RACHEL L.
(IN-P-M4549-K9772-70)
"Effeminate and alluring CD, 32. Been going out in public since age 19. Very passable. Profile Girl in *Ladylike* #19. I enjoy the career-girl look; semi-formal look; ultra feminine lingerie. Want to correspond, possibly meet with other pretty TV/TSs and women. Will definitely answer all who send photo."

PAULA K.
(IN-NP-M4942-K10959-71)
5'11", 170, 50, MWM, understanding spouse, conservative dresser. "Enjoy traveling, home construction, photography. Want to write and meet other CDs in NW IN and SE Chi. Compare fashions and support. Serious CDs only. We can help each other. Would like to include spouse. Nothing kinky. Want to learn more about myself."

MICHIGAN (480- 499-)

MILESA PHAR
(MI-P-M0976-K1068-71)
Member Crossroads. "Past officer of Crossroads, college lecturer on transvestism. Supportive wife. Hobbies: photography, motorcycling. Attended ten Be All conventions."

LYNN P. J. OTTENS
(MI-M2745-K4492-71)
Member Crossroads, IME. "Very feminine She-male desires legitimate employment. Willing to learn and relocate. Also seeking friendship and companionship. Must be drug, alcohol, smoke free."

MARCIA ANN T.
(E MI-P-M1871-K2173-71)
Member Tri-Ess, Crossroads. Attended '91, '92, '93 Be All. WM TV, 5'10", 165. Tri-city area. "For over 25 years have enjoyed passing in public. Wrote article on the mature CD for *LadyLike*. Love to correspond with prompt reply. Happy to share, help, and advise others."

DEBBIE COOK
(MI-NP-M2093-K2484-73)
Married hetero CD, 41,5'6", 130, 11. Vegetarian. Double Aquarius with Scorpio moon. Likes computers, astrology, Tai Chi, New Age and classical music, cats and gourmet coffee. "Love all things feminine. Would like your picture. Write back ASAP."

CINDY F. DINSER
(MI-M3010-K1075-73)
Member Crossroads, IME. Well-liked, good worker. Interested in swimming, bowling, bicycle rider. "Been with Crossroads nine years, IME five years. Been to ten Be Alls. We also hold a picnic once a year in the country. We have a nice turn out every year. Please write if you want to. Love, your sister, Cindy."

MARSHA K.
(SEMI-P-M2719-K4382-72)
MWM, hetero CD, 6'2", 218, 42, frosted or red hair, triple pierced ears. "Enjoy golf, boating, travel, and having a good time. Love dressing and going out. Love pierced earrings, shoes, and good looking clothes. Just started going out. Like to hear from other sisters, especially those in the MI area, meet, go out."

STEPHANIE MICHELE WELLS
(MI-P-M3377-K6718-70)
5'9", mid40's, 140. Self-employed, open-minded and terminally gender confused. Interested in photography, mystery novels, computers, and meaningful conversation. "I enjoy corresponding, although I can be a tad slow in replying. Hope to make a few good friends, gain some insight, and enjoy life a little more."

JOANNE MARIE DANIELS
(MI-M4094-K8811-71)
45, SWM, hetero TV, 5'9", 160, 14, blue eyes. Interested in reading, bicycling, rustic camping, and, of course, wearing women's clothes. "I am slowly slipping out of the closet and am undergoing electrolysis. Would like to correspond and meet males and females who enjoy wearing women's clothes."

DEBRA D.
(MI-M3490-K7206-71)
Member Crossroads. SWM, hetero CD, 5'11", 150, brown hair, blue eyes. "Would like to meet understanding female for companionship."

ROBERTA LEIGH
(MI-NP-M4408-K2684-72)
Member Crossroads, Tri-Ess, IME. MWM, hetero CD, 5'6½", blonde, hazel, 18 and losing. Interested in CD, outdoor sports, travel, shopping. "Visit all 48 states and Canada. Just coming out. Wish to hear from sisters married to a 10+. Love the female persona. Not looking for anything sexual. Discretion expected. Love to all."

CHRISTIE WOODS
(MI-M4563-K9757-73)
MWM, 34, TG. "Just coming out. No picture yet. My wife knows, but still seems to struggle with acceptance, as do I. Father of two sons. Am interested in all things feminine. Plan one day to go out dressed. Would like to correspond with other parents concerning family issues and feminine preferences."

VICKIE CARSON
(MI-P-M4599-K10092-70)
Lifelong crossdresser, 41, 5'10", 165. Usually passable. "Like to meet other people who enjoy this culture. Would also like to date a single/married man. Coming out of closet ,now exploring my feminine side. Don't know how far to change gender/sex, but must find out."

CHRISTINE LYNN
(MI-P-M4879-K4510-71)
Member Crossroads. Hetero, 29, 5'11", 14, passable. Interested in fashion, shopping, makeup, dressing, travel. "Desire to meet an understanding/supportive woman for friendship/relationship. Would enjoy corresponding with other CD/TV/TS. Letter/photo will be answered."

KIMBERLY S.
(MI-NP-M4998-K10848-71)
32, hetero CD, 10. "Sincere lifetimer who possesses dignified feminine side. Future wife supports and participates. Willing to assist others, though constantly learning myself. Conservative and practical dresser, matches my personality. Will share tasteful experiences/photos with like-minded sisters."

IOWA (500-528)

JANET BAKER
(IA-M2091-K2482-72)
WM, 39, 175, 5'11". Artist. Interests include ceramics, prints, painting, gardening, animals, archeology, erotica, metal and wood working. "Would like to meet new friends with similar interests."

WISCONSIN (530-548)

MARTHA M.
(NE-WI-M1459-K1147-70)
Member Tri-Ess, Chicago Gender Society. Attended Be All, Holiday En Femme. 5'6", 160, 43, married, four kids. Interested in the arts, outdoors, night on the town. "Wife not supportive. Get out a few times a year traveling to Chicago area. Have worked through a lot as Martha. Willing to help if you drop me a note."

PAULA M.
(W WI-M2036-K2273-72)
Tri-Ess, Chi chapter. MWM, CD, 78, 5'5", 160. Retired university professor. Participant: Be All, Holiday En Femme, Fall Harvest. Artist (painter), musician. Interested in all visual/performing arts, especially classical music and jazz, fine foods, wines. "Happy marriage (52 years) to wonderfully accepting, supportive wife. We travel everywhere, do everything as two women. Correspondence invited."

JANET LYNN
(WI-NP-M2141-K2536-77)
MWM. "Have very understanding wife who says I look pretty good. Am interested in all who need help telling their Significant Others about their crossdressing. Am into travel, photography, and country music. Write if you need suggestions on how to tell your other half."

FRANCINE RENAE
(WI-P-M3263-K6403-70)
"There's more to life than everyday living, there's loving, sharing, hoping, giving. I'm new at this: constantly learning. To meet my sisters I'm still yearning. I've met a few, which is great. Our friendship is first rate. We can be ourselves, that is true. Let's correspond and be friends, too."

KIM GREEN
(WI-M3113-K5687-73)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended Holiday en Femme. Mid-aged, athletic, educated. Interested in meeting crossdressers, especially those who have involved significant other. "Would love to meet and correspond with CD/TV/TS/TG and couples who have involved this culture in their lifestyles."

TANYA K.
(WI-P-M3275-K4933-70)
MWM, mid 40's, 5'10", 175, ex-military, college graduate, professional, strong religious background. Interests: music, aviation, religion, and my family. "CD since childhood. Dress in hotel,want to go out. Family does not know. Hope to tell wife. Like elegant styles. Like to hear from those with similar interests."

JAMI B.
(WI-P-M3456-K7120-71)
Member Tri-Ess, Chi Chapter, Chicago Gender Society. "Self-acceptance vs. self-doubt. Being open to life means letting go and vulnerability. The time is at hand to be a witness to the intricacy and profound beauty of creation. Devoted parent; faulty spouse; lover. Thankful for it all. Live, risk, write."

LINDA W.
(WI-M3330-K5758-71)
Attended Coming Together '92, Be All '93. 30ish, but 20ish, 5'6", 125, brn hair, green eyes, said to be Barbra Streisand double (but had my nose done). "Wild but conservative and stable individual wishing to be in contact with full-time post-op. Goal to establish support for common full-time post-op concerns."

ADRIENNE S. LEE
(WI-P-M4276-K8299-71)
WM, separated, older, 5'7", 150. Interested in sports, nature, animals, flowers, fishing, hobbies and art. "Live in rural NW Wisc. Love to dress. Need some friends as it is lonely here. In winter, I paint landscapes on canvas and on saw blades. Love shopping."

LAURA B.
(WI-M4513-K5814-73)
Member Tri-Ess. Hetero CD, 165, 5'6", 41, blue eyes. "Like to share feelings with others, CDs or women, who understand. Wife knows, but it is hard for her to understand. Like to correspond with like-minded people."

WENDY RETLAW
(WI-M4745-K10492-71)
CD-oriented since teen. DWM, 51. Passion for hosiery, panties, bras. Other interests include golf, bike riding, computers, photography, reading. "Travel nation wide on business. MI, IN, IL, WI any weekend. Seeking TV/TSs for friendship, correspondence, dating. First-time subscriber. Very discreet. Answer all. Would love photo."

GINA J.
(WI-P-M4632-K10214-70)
"Slowly coming out and discovering more about my femme self. 6'2", 165 (12), marriage-minded TV with TS dreams. Enjoy volley ball, history, volunteering, building, cooking, and warm romantic tropical breezes. Would love to meet other sisters for friendship, mutual support, and adventures!"

JACQUELYN RICHTER
(WI-M4801-K5336-70)
Member Tri-Ess Chi Chapter, Chicago, IL. "Former vice-president of chapter and regular newsletter contributor. Transgendered and believe in openness and honesty."

ROBBIN S.
(WI-M4846-K9296-70)
SWM, 28, lifelong CD. "Would love to hear from all sisters, and possibly attend gender events together. Would also love helping other CD/TV/TSs raise money for their various 'special' needs. Ours is a very expensive lifestyle. Please write and send long SASE for immediate reply. We can make a difference together!"

HEATHER S. (WI-M4975-K8816-72)
WM, 45, 5'10", 135. "Dress around the house and girlfriend's. Just getting acquainted with community. Like swimming, sunning, shopping. 'Is there anybody out there' in Wisconsin? Business owner, college student, father, tropical, adventure-bound."

MINNESOTA (550-567)

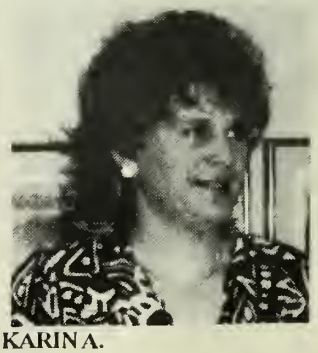
STEPHANIE J.
(MN-M2385-K3139-71)
Member CLCC. 5'10", size 24W, 42, full-figured bi-CD. "I've been dressing 30 years and love it! Desire small get-togethers with bi-CD and bi-males. Would love to correspond with Minn. CDs. Meet for coffee first? Discretion assured. Photo and phone if possible."

JENNIFER O.
(MN-P-M0570-K1161-71)
Member CLCC. Attended Fantasia Fair. 6'2", 175. Interested in classical organ music, racquetball. "Married to a warm, understanding woman. I like to express my feminine side at home and occasionally at local club meetings. Splurged and attended Fantasia Fair the last two years. Enjoy hearing from people with similar interests."

VANESSA S.
(MN-P-M1168-K1159-72)
Married CD, mid-40s. "Love my femininity and all it represents. Have written two serious books on crossdressing. Give educational presentations to college and professional groups. Interests include theology, psychology, music, correspondence with married couples dealing with CDing, sports, pop-culture and, of course, opportunities for feminine expression."

COLLEGE STUDENTS
(MN-M4829-K6331-71)
Members of college LGBC interested in corresponding/chatting about transsexual and crossdressing theory, identity, support, etc.

MARY N.
(MN-P-M1740-K1903-71)
Member CLCC. Attended Be All, Fall Harvest, Spring Fling. MWM, 5'7", 150, blue eyed blonde. "Enjoy travel, water skiing, shopping, and going to restaurants en femme. Have been crossdressing for as long as I can remember. Have come to accept myself for who I am and enjoy it. Live in Twin Cities, travel often."



KARIN A.
(MN-NP-M2248-K2740-73)
Married CD, 40, supportive wife, monogamous, 5 chil-

dren, Christian, professional musician, member CLCC. "Interested in meeting CD or TS with healthy outlooks and relationships in MN or western WI. Couples encouraged to write for support. Seek musician for possible gender music projects."

DEBBIE DAVIS
(MN-P-M2396-K3143-71)
Member CLCC. Attended Coming Together '90. MWM, CD, 5'9", 12/14, mid-40s. "Happily married to a wonderfully supportive wife. Love being feminine and have fully accepted my feminine self. Go out often. Active in local organization and our outreach program. Give presentations at colleges, medical and psychiatric centers. Love sailing, wind surfing, water skiing, writing, computing, and SHOPPING!"

CAROL ANNE L.
(MN-P-M4675-K6231-70)
MWM, hetero, 45, brown hair, green eyes. 6', 250 (20). Interested in writing fiction, target shooting, photography, travel, high heels, stockings and miniskirts. "Recently decided to stop suppressing an important part of myself. Will correspond with women about clothes and being a woman, as well as with other CDs. Will answer all."

STEVIE O.
(MN-M4914-K10867-71)
40, 6'2", 160, 16. Interested in old cars and gardens, frilly dresses and exotic lingerie. "Just divorced. Lifelong CD. Wish to correspond with MN CDs. Pictures are great."

SOUTH DAKOTA (570-577)

NORTH DAKOTA (580-588)

BOBBI SWAN
(ND-P-M3557-K0975-71)
Member of Swan's Inner Sorority. Separated, divorce proceeding. 60, 195, 6'1", blue eyes. Interested in meeting others, computers, golf. "My supportive significant one has been a beautician and licensed cosmetologist, and loves to work with other sisters in their personal transformations. She enjoys helping other spouses to understand our needs. We are seeking friends."

LAURIE C.
(ND-P-M4152-K8923-71)
Geographically isolated CD. Tall, slim, blue eyed blonde. Hetero, very passable, educated, retired professional. "Enjoy gardening, art, music, cooking, boating and sunbathing. Friendly and sincere. Would really love to correspond with any and all other CD/TSs who enjoy living as their femme selves."

MONTANA (590-599)

JERI LYNN
(MT-NP-M3808-K2030-72)
Lifetime feminist. Married. Mid-50s, 6', wife somewhat supportive. "Believe in total femininity or any feminist movement. Always interested in meeting or corresponding with all sisters that also believe in their femininity, no matter what lifestyle may be. Anyone in the NW or Montana, let's be sisters together."

JESSICA DIXON
(MT-P-M4839-K7135-71)
40, 5'10", 144. Interested in skiing, mountaineering, rock climbing, wind surf, computers, GIS, Physics. PhD in physics that has been a closet TV since adolescence. "Would like to interact socially as a woman more. Lack confidence to go out and mingle. Would like to meet other TVs to go out in society with. Hetero."

ILLINOIS (600-629)

NAOMI O.
(IL-P-M0257-K1257-63)
Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together, Be All (Founder), Holiday En Femme, Fantasia Fair. Named Ms. Fantasia Fair. Won Tri-Ess Outreach Award. Full-figured Femme Fun! Interested in photography, cross-dressing, and history. Attorney, author of "Legal Briefs" column in *Tapestry*.

EVE B.
(IL-P-M0523-K1199-71)
IFGE Board of Directors, Chr. Ed. Resources Committee. Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. Awards: IFGE Trinity, Miss Dream, FF Miss Congeniality, FF Miss Best Dressed, Miss Fantasia Fair. Elegant fun-loving TG devoted to making our lives in this world better. Extensive outreach with Naomi O. to educate the world about our lifestyle.

TERESA BEATRICE K.
(IL-M1969-K2257-72)
6'+, 40s, SWM, 300, com-

puter programmer/analyst, chess player, A D & D. "I am very much a closeted TV, but I am willing to act as an escort/date for a very passable TV/TS."

JULIE ANN P.
(IL-M3962-K5840-73)
MWM, 44, 5'9", 185. Interested in sporting events, fishing, women's fashions. Wife understands, but not supportive. "I dress when she is not home. I enjoy the feminine feeling when dressed. It makes me feel relaxed."

GLORIA WRIGHT
(IL-P-M0613-K1205-72)
President Chi Chapter, Tri-Ess, past president CGS. Born 1952, 5'3". Hobbies are jogging, singing and writing. "I am so busy, I have become a terrible correspondent."

MICHELE MAGUIRE
(IL-NP-M2125-K2516-72)
Officer: CIGA (Central Illinois). Member: CGS (Chicago), IXE (Indianapolis). Married CD, 5'11", birth year 1955, Scorpio, Engineer, Historian, Musicologist, Philosopher, Scientist, university graduate (thrice), intelligent, crazy, realist, introspective, observer, explorer, loner, Taoist, calm, humorous, optimist, non-smoker, sensitive, heterosexual, devoted spouse and parent. "Spouse supportive, but does not participate. Seeking the Tao of intergenderism."

DIANE DEE DEE BOLDEN
(IL-M3994-K8608-71)
Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. 5'11", 155, MWM professional who also teaches, lectures, consults, etc. "Dressed in secret for 20 years going out some, but terrified. Found Tri-Ess in '92 and have grown through its activities and new friends there. Pass well. Shop, dine, as Diane with confidence. Sorry, not much of a correspondent."

JULIE M.
(IL-P-M2936-K5012-72)
MWM, mid30s, CD with TS feelings. "Do not dress often, as wife doesn't know. Love to attend national events, meet others in our community. Passing is difficult at 6'3", but seeking the poise, style and confidence to do it. Like to write/meet other CD/TSs, ladies who understand."

JACKIE V.
(IL-P-M3009-K5199-73)
Member CIGA, Tri-Ess, CGS. Attended several conventions. Hetero, S, 6', 160. "Would like to meet gals who support our lifestyle. Non-drinker, nonsmoker, no drugs. Love old cars and the outdoors. Self-employed and love to be en femme. Dress daily."

RITA D.
(IL-M4748-K10650-70)
CD, 28, 5'10" with very strong TS feelings. "Would like to correspond with and develop friendship with other TSs. Still coming out and feeling isolated and alone. Please write. Will respond to all letters."

PRISCILLA B.
(IL-NP-M3085-K5273-73)
Stylish, blonde TV, married. "Adore all things feminine, especially gowns, sexy party dresses, and photo sessions. Open to ideas about making a TV video. Satin and lace are so divine. Seek correspondence and photo exchange with TV/TSs and couples who are comfortable with this lifestyle. Can entertain and meet in midwest."

MARGO ST. VINCENT
(IL-P-M3384-K6781-72)
Mid-30s, 5'6", plus size, blonde. "Love spike heels (3" or taller), lipstick, heavy makeup, black lingerie, garter belts, stockings, jewelry, long nails, and hair. Like the slutty look. Like dominant GGs and TVs. Like to swap photos and videos. Answer all with real photo. Be patient with me."

LYNNE B.
(IL-M5000-K10964-72)
Member CGS. 5'9", 170, 52, DWM, bi-TG. "Work as male, 'live' as woman. Have known since I was four. Love cooking, baking, keeping house. Also music, reading, theater, some sports. Can travel when business allows. Love to hear from 40-70-year-old TG/TS or genetic woman. Would love warm, sincere relationship."

RYTA CARLSON
(IL-NP-M3563-K7869-73)
MWM TV with TS imagination. 12/15/52, 6', 170, hazel eyes. "Pass in public! I was shocked. Would love to meet and correspond with sisters nationwide. Design adventure tours. Have a passion for life and learning. Am just getting started in gender community. Hi!"

BARBARA GLADE
(IL-NP-M4148-K8938-71)
Member Tri-Ess, CGS. Chicagoland TV, 30, 5'10",

married to supportive wife. "Am trying to become more active in the CD scene. Looking for other CDs to go out and help with my passing."

MELISSA REED
(IL-P-M4267-K2011-71)
Member Tri-Ess, CGS, CIGA, StLGF. S TV, 40ish, 5'7", full figure and slimming. Many varied interests. "Will make first ventures out to meetings and socials this year to meet others and get more involved in the community. Write as long as honesty, friendship prevail."

DENISE PETERS
(IL-P-M4590-K9008-70)
Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess, Vice President of Chicago Gender Society. Attended CGS Dunes Getaway, Be All. Editor: Chi Chapter's *The Chi-Tribune*. Hetero, MCD, 6', 50ish. "Finally discovering the community after 35+ years in the closet. Desire to assist those who are weary of opening the door. Sysop, Lifetime BBS."

RENATEvonFALKENBURG
(IL-P-M4754-K10714-70)
Slim, leggy, passable TV/TS loves to correspond with same and mature gentlemen fascinated with sexy gals. "Gals, let's share experiences and exchange tips. Guys, I'm into heels, nylons and lingerie. Will follow up with photos."

MONIQUE DUBOIS
(IL-NP-M4904-K10856-71)
5'10", 165, 39 (and holding), hazel eyes, friendly. Interested in reading, all sports, woodworking, movies. "Placing this listing to establish correspondence with other TV/CDs/women who love them. Love dressing sexy (leather skirts, heels, seamed hose) or fashionable business-woman look. Passion for sexy lingerie. Write, include photo."

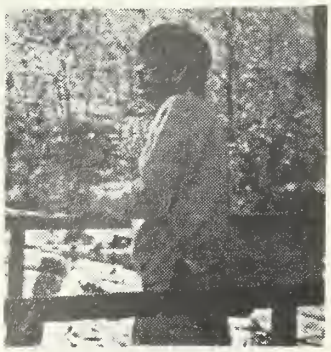
FAITH R. CARPENTER
(IL-NP-M4960-K3867-72)
Lifetime CD, transgendered person, love computers, dressing, shopping, going out in public. "Desire correspondence with anyone of like interest. Marriage-minded and looking for soulmate. Women, lesbians, TV/TSs invited to reply. No straight males need respond. Bright Blessings, Love Faith. Also interested in the occult."

MICHELLE KAY
(IL-NP-M5021-K3447-73)
SW TV, 30s, 5'11". "I adore lingerie, stockings and heels. Love to primp and pose for the camera. Just starting to go out dressed. Would enjoy sharing correspondence, photos and fantasies with my beautiful transgendered sisters, interested men and GGs. I love being a girl! Send photo(s) to assure response."

MISSOURI (630- 658-)

BARBARA B.
(MO-P-M0258-K0560-71)
Member TCNE, NWGA, SLGF. DWM, hetero, 53, 5'10", 160. Interested in music, fashion, movies, meeting other sisters, camping. "Lifelong crossdresser. Comfortable with myself. Value friendship, honesty, and discretion. Enjoy small social get-togethers as well as CD events. Would like to correspond with and meet similar couples in St. Louis area."

ANGELA JOHNSON
(MO-P-M1162-K1308-70)
SBM TV, 5'11", 175. "Interests: photography, jazz, old movies, socializing, dancing and crossdressing. Like to correspond with TVs, TSs and women who understand. Would like a friend to share feelings with, go out and be relaxed with. Like gentleman for escort. Interested in relationships with sincere people in St. Louis area."



JENNIFER RICHARDS
(MO-P-M2689-K4328-72)
Born and raised in Philadelphia; flourished in Portland, OR; developed in St. Louis; a DREAM girl, MAGGIE enthusiast, active Congress Rep.; an IFGE Trinity recipient. MC/singer/dancer/producer, organizer, officer. Interested in outreach, personal growth, fulfillment, encouragement, and balance. "Keep smiling, keep shinin', knowing you can always count on me–for sure–That's what friends are for . . . "

JORDYNNE BAKER
(MO-P-M3874-K4403-70)
Secretary StLGF. "Happy to be doing more to help others. Still learning from all of you, and hope to continue growing. Please write. Let's share hope, dreams, and love. Have stopped to smell the roses. All of you are beautiful."

JULIE RUSSELL
(MO-P-M3958-K2970-73)
DWM, hetero, 51, 6', 185. Interested in shopping, socializing, travel, football, and all types of female clothing. "Am not really looking for anything with this listing. I just think *Tapestry* is a great publication and want to support it. I do plan to attend a major event this year."

TONI FRIED
(MO-M4052-K8561-70)
SWM, M-F TS, 5'4", 155. "It's been a great year. Have developed friendships with several *Tapestry* correspondents. Looking to attend several events this year. Enjoy going to malls and dinner. Interested in all aspects of femininity. Started hormones and electrolysis. Will answer all who write."

VICKI SHERIDAN
(MO-P-M4208-K9491-72)
Member CAF. 5'7", 170, 48, married. Attended Fall Harvest, Texas T Party. "Go shopping and out to dinner on weekends with a friend. Enjoy being a girl."

MICKI DANIELS
(MO-P-M4610-K7131-70)
President, St LGF, MAGGIERepresentative. "Baby boomer and first-born in family. Hormones since 4/93. I feel who I am. Dancer/Writer/Artiste—Outreacher;—acceptance of our lifestyle is my favorite endeavor. Know yourself? Want a friend to help enjoy your self-discovery? Call me and I'll be there."

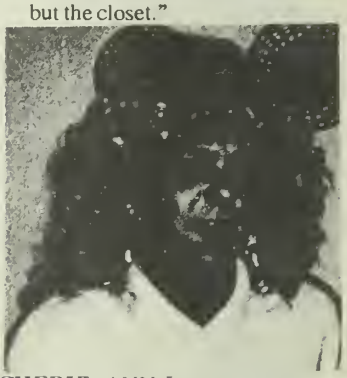
JENNIFER KAIN
(MO-NP-M4707K1040870)
Member StLGF. "I am single, 5'10", have brown hair and dark green eyes, and weigh 135. I am looking for Mr. Right. Also would like to correspond with other TV/TS for girl talk. I like old movies, soft music, all feminine things, and am a romantic."

CLARISSA RENEE V.
(MO-P-M4726-K10452-70)
Member RCGA. DWM, CD, 5'9". Intelligent, educated professional with actively supportive girlfriend. Interests include fine lingerie, satin dresses, high heels, fashions ,all things feminine. "A good correspon-dent Looking to make friends to share experiences. Will write to all."

PATRICIA ELAINE KASTEN
(MO-NP-4805K10267-70)
Pre-op TS, 5'11", 143, 30, 100% passable. "Living 75% of time as Trish. Would like to make friends with other TSs. Looking for long term friendships and support. Will answer all, so be patient. Photo gets photo in return."

VANESSA T.
(MO-M4113-K8923-70)
DWM TV, mid-40's, passable, college graduate, semi-retired. "Recently moved to SW Missouri. Enjoy all things feminine, and with others with same interests who are sincere. Love to shop. Would like to attend some CD events. Looking for CDs,women interested in CDs for friendship."

R. C.
(MO-M4589-K9995-73)
Too damn big and too old, hetero, 6'6", 255, 63. "I bought just one edition of *Tapestry* and learned more from it about myself than from all other books, magazines, etc. If I could just talk to another crossdresser, it might help me learn a lot more. I'm too old,too big for anything but the closet."

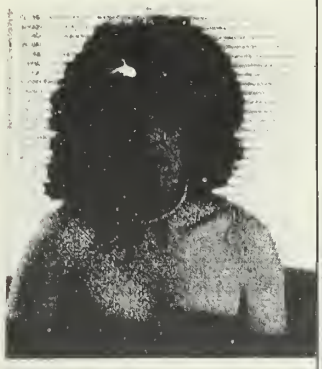


CHERYL ANN L.
(MO-NP-M5009-K3233-72)
DW 33, 5'7", Taurus, passable M-F TG and healthy TS future. Open-minded, down-to-earth half French half German import. Enjoy cooking, music, cycling, alternative lifestyles and all Mother Nature has to offer in Genderland. "Wish to correspond in St Louis or KC and surrounding areas. Let's talk!"

KANSAS (660- 679-)

EVELYN BORDEN
(E KS-P-M0400-K1329-76)
"Tall, well educated, very passable TG interested in

meeting others and sharing resource information. Open, understanding and helpful to others traveling same path."



RITA RESTIVO
(KS-NP-M4502-K9736-72)
SWM, 6', 180, professional, enjoys workouts, bike riding, swimming in women's Spandex swimwear. Collects antiques, vintage clothing and sexy lingerie. "Would like to correspond/meet other attractive single CD/TVs 30-45 years in K.C. area for photo sessions, dates."

SHELLY H.
(KS-P-M4627-K10171-70)
Member Wichita Gender Alliance. DWM, 48, 5'8", 175, 18. Lifetime CD. "Carpenter into remodelling, electronics, cooking, baking, love good music and crosswords. Goal, to live as a woman. Sisters in community have helped tremendously in self-acceptance. Love to hear from, meet other sisters for support, friendship. Will answer all. Love y'all!"

NEBRASKA
(680- 693-)

JANELLE L.
(NE-M2958-K5055-70)
Member of Emerald City. 6'1", 14, recently married, 40's, almost passable, nonsmoker. "Enjoy feeling feminine. Travel extensively, especially the Pacific Northwest. Wife tolerates. Educated friendly, pilot, physically active, computer literate. Like to correspond and meet couples, TVs for discussion, local activities."

DEBRA ANN F.
(NE-P-M1655-K1347-70)
MWM, 6'2", 200. Interested in bicycle riding, jazz and classical music, railroads. "Am just coming out of the closet, would like to meet others in a 250 mile radius. Live in western Nebraska. Will answer all."

MELISSA JEAN H.
(NE-P-M2742-K4493-72)
Member GIC, Delta Chapter. Attended Coming Together. 47, 6'2", 195, lifelong TV, divorced. Interested in rural living, travel, entertaining, photography, fantasies, golf, fishing. "This flower seems a slow bloomer. Opening even under the limitations of country life. Would like to hear from sisters,GG. Hope to get married again someday."

TAMI DIANE
(NE-M3284-K6480-70)
"I enjoy all that is feminine and wish to become more involved in the TV/TS community. Passable, 5'11", 37. Interested in making friends who are interested in our feminine ways. Intelligent, educated, and discreet. Enjoy going out en femme. Like to meet sincere, understanding TV/TSs, genetic females for friendship."

DEE ANN W.
(NE-M4647-K9711-70)
Member RCGA. MWM, 6'6", 46, lifelong closeted TV. "Looking for sensitive way to introduce my feminine side to my wife. Would like to get out and meet others who are in similar situations. Would like to hear from other tall TVs."

LOUISIANA
(700- 714-)

ALICE HEBERT
(LA-P-M2964-K5098-72)
Member Gulf Gender Alliance. "I am married to a very understanding, supportive wife, and am my most relaxed when I am a woman. I love being out among my sisters, and would welcome corresponding with them."

LISA HART
(LA-P-M1717-K1348-71)
Single TV, 41, 5'10", slim figure. Quiet, sensitive female . . . occasionally. Successful systems analyst, and linguist at other times. Quite comfortable with both aspects of my personality. "I love going out when I am dressed. Have developed cherished friendships with several *Tapestry* correspondents. Hope to hear from others who are comfortable with their female personas."

ARKANSAS
(716- 729-)

STEPHENIE RENÉE F.
(AR-M1841-K1998-72)
MWM, 5'8", 145, 38, brown hair/eyes. Interested in camping, bike riding, photography, learning, being and perfecting Stephanie. "Lifelong CD, married to a once supportive, semi-understanding wife. Enjoy shopping or just going out as Stephanie as much as possible. Pass very well."

JANA H.
(S AR-P-M2042-K2442-72)
"Let's talk! Into dressing 12 years. Married, wife knows, helps, but not her thing. Late 50s, 5'7", 165. Former USAF pilot. Still working. Can't help it! Love it all, 38C to 5" heels. Into golf, photography, video. Possible meet in AR, MS, LA. Always respond to everyone. Do it!"

OKLAHOMA
(730-749)

GEORGIA HILBERT
(OK-P-M3108-K5304-70)
Member Tri-Ess, Delta Omega, Sigma Beta. Attended Texas T Party '92. MWM, 60's, retired. Wife accepts but not supporting. A so-so passer, but going out since 1991. Interested in outdoors, nature, homemaking, crossdressing and trans-sexualism. Hope to do some writing. "Like to meet and correspond with like-minded people."

GEE TRANSU
(OK-P-M4204-K7024-71)
A lady of a certain age, 5'11", 178. Loves high heels and dressy clothes. Enjoys dressing up and going to dinner with sisters. Interested in classical music, musical theater, literature, history and computers. E-mail welcome. Send E-mail via Internet, to: gee@regentdb.osrhe.edu."

TEXAS
(750-799)

BOBBIE KAYE
(TX-M2089-K8064-73)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended Paradise in the Poconos, awarded Miss Ingenue. MWM, TV, 44, 6', 200, supportive wife. Interested in playing golf, computers, BBS support. "Out and about cautiously. Enjoy my feminine side and share her with my wife (my best friend). Would like to share experiences and thoughts with others."

RENÉ FENNER
(TX-P-M0989-K1401-71)
Vice President GCTC 1994. Early 60s, out of closet 15 years. Comfortable going most anywhere as René. Always trying to improve feminine image. Hobbies include amateur radio and fishing. Member Tri-Ess. Attended all Texas T Parties, Coming Together '87, '92, California Dreamin' '93. Interested in corresponding with those who share common interests.

JANE ELLEN FAIRFAX
(E TX-P-M1250-K1398-72)
Participant in many events. Chairman Tri-Ess Board, President Tau Chi Chapter, Staff Coordinator, Coming Together; WACS Honorary Woman Award; Texas T Party Outstanding Couple. 44, 6'2", chestnut hair, green eyes. Jane & wife Frances enjoy communicating with new couples and are strongly committed to integrating crossdressing and family values.

DONNA E. MOBLEY
(TX-P-M1734-K1897-71)
Member Tri-Ess. 40-something widower. Fanatic skier/racer, widely traveled, currently enjoying my second childhood.

CASEY COLE
(S TX-P-M1907-K2196-71)
Member ETVC, Boulton & Park, Austin Second Image. Hetero crossdresser living with accepting lady who participates in club events. "Designed and built my own house. Rebuilt '57 Chevy Nomad, '66 Nova, 1800ES Volvo."

CAROL BAKER
(N TX-P-M2179-K2597-73)
Associate member of Dallas/Fort Worth Delta Omega. Attended all Texas T Parties. 5'11", 175, married with supportive family. "Outgoing. Not shy. Enjoy promoting crossgender lifestyles. Always try to present the best image possible. Love to go public, meet people, write."

RIKKI SCOTT
(S TX-NP-M2201K2649-73)
Lifelong crossdresser and college prof. "I am doing continuing research into the childhood and family backgrounds of TV and TS. I would like to hear from you about your early experiences with crossdressing."

MAXINE MCDONALD
(N TX-M2223-K2669-70)
Member Delta-Omega (Dallas). Attended Fantasia Fair (11 yrs.). Awards Ms. Most Helpful, Outreach Award. MWM, 6'2", 205, 22. Dress down, not up, sort of like your average real estate sales woman. Interested in theatre pipe organ, broadcasting, video production, streetcars, computers, and communications museum. "I don't pass, but I try to do it with class."

DANIELLE M.
(S TX-NP-M2691K4242-73)
MWM, college educated, semi-retired, 5'11", proportional weight. "Solo friendship/companionship sought

with discreet responsible 40+ professional person. Strong interest in CD/IFGE activities. Gentle quest, non-pressuring attitude. Drug-free, smoking OK. Good health and attitude. Corpus Christi, Texas area only. Pluses would include walking, aerobics, swimming, fishing, golf."

PHYLLIS RANDOLPH FRYE, ATTY
(TX-P-M2940-K4963-69)
Member of GCTC. Organizer of first International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy. Out of Closet and successful transgendered attorney. Interested in helping people out of their closets, fighting myths and stereotypes, public speaking on our issues. "This is not '76 when I came out, this is92'.Come out, come out! You are okay. Don't put up with the guilt and shame lie."

SUSAN SHAW
(TX-NP-M3174-K6055-73)
SW TV 37, 5'10", 155, brown/blue. "Seeking long term relationship. Dress everyday and want to now transform into a beautiful woman forever. I love all things in life and want to come out and share all with a very special person. Am very loving and will make someone a perfect wife. Write soon!"

NANCY BAKER
(TX-P-M3186-K6109-71)
Member Boulton and Park. Attended Texas T Party '92, '93. Married hetero CD. "Wife knows, but has difficulty dealing with it. Am interested in meeting others for socializing and conversation. Would also like to correspond with others who have experienced or are interested in forced crossdressing and petticoat punishment."

DIANNA B.
(TX-P-M3267-K6402-70)
Member of Boulton & Park, Tri-Ess. Attended Texas T Party '92. 6', 180, 45, brown hair and eyes. Interested in cooking, gardening, fishing, woodworking. "Out of the closet December '91. Have a supportive wife. Wish there were more hours in the day so I would have more time to dress."

JEAN G.
(TX-M3421-K6856-71)
Single, 71, 6', 160, gray hazel eyes. Never married. Crossdressed since childhood. TS inclinations. "Welcome correspondence from all, especially mature men. Collection of TV/TS/CD books, memorabilia, newspaper items. Complete copy of Christine Jorgensen articles that appeared in *American Weekly* in the '50s. AKA left leg due to WW II."

JOYCE DIANE C.
(TX-P-M3272-K6417-71)
Attended Texas T Party. 5'8", 150, 33, TV/DQ that loves changing channels. "Having fun! Enjoy humor, intelligent, conversation and correspondence, feminine apparel, and frou. I love bringing the feminine illusion to life through modeling for photo sessions. Musician/writer. I look forward to hearing from you."

ERI B.
(TX-NP-M3626-K7750-72)
5'10", 155, brown/brown. "Like to dress just for the fun of it. Love nice clothes. Strictly hetero. Would like to communicate with others, especially in western Texas. Photo, please."

CATANJA LYNN IRWIN
(TX-M3577-K7563-72)
Member TATS and GCTC. TS wishes to contact anyone who has had good surgical treatment in Mexico. Simple castration sought.

CHERYL L. BOLEN
(TX-P-M3629-K7747-71)
"Member of gender transition program as a TS. On hormones 8 months and enjoying the changes. 52, blue eyes, trim and proportionate to me 5'15" height. Tall Texas lady is artistic, educated professional, and interested in dating understanding men."

KIM HUNTER
(TX-P-M3708-K8038-72)
Single, 30s, 5'7", blonde, blue, hormones since 7/1/92. Down to earth, loves animals, cooking, jazz to classical music, intimate conversation, good friends, helping others. Moved to the Rio Grande Valley in search of a life and a stable relationship. Miss my farm and country life. "Where are all the Valley Girls?"

D. W.
(TX-P-M4055-K8790-70)

SWM. 5'11", 170, 22. Interested in shopping, movies, cooking, talking on phone, and all things feminine. "In closet TS. Would like to correspond with other TSs for support and friendship."

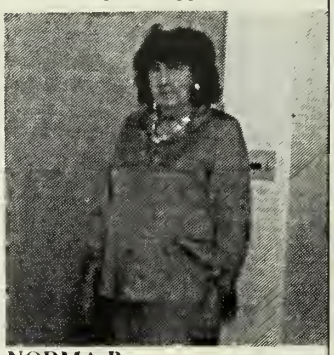
TAYLOR MONTGOMERY
(TX-M3818-K6221-72)
Member GCTC, ReCast, TATS, Boulton & Park.

KIMBERLY-BLAIR S.
(TX-P-M4178-K1091-71)
5'9", 135, sophisticated TV-TS? "Looking for a sincere gentleman 35-40 who can make dreams come true. If you enjoy candle light, evenings by the fire, and romantic walks, maybe, both our dreams can come true! Photo appreciated."

MARK J.
(TX-P-M4275-K2691-71)
31, M, self-employed, athletically fit, residing in Dallas. Seeks attractive TV, TS for friendship that could develop into a possible long-term relationship. Answer with letter and photo.

LINDA B.
(TX-P-M4547-K9774-73)
Post-op TS, 5'7", 130, 28, 100% passable. "On hormones since age 15. Surgery at age 21. Would like to make friends with other TSs, men interested in TSs, or anyone. I can offer my experience and support. I believe we are all very special! Please write."

JOHN C.
(TX-P-M4603-K10106-73)
SWM, 40, 5'10", 175, brown hair, blue eyes, educated, understanding of gender issues. "Seek feminine, passable pre-op TS or other TG person 21-45 for quality relationship. Willing to correspond or travel to meet those interested. Photo, phone appreciated."



NORMA P.
(TX-P-M4688-K10176-70)
STV, 50+, feels 25, 5'10", 180, brn hair, eyes. "Been on hormones for 2 years, but still not out of the closet. I sincerely love my femme self. I'm into photography, sewing, model railroads and old trains. Like lingerie and makeup. Will answer all who write. Enjoy being with other TV/TS/CDs."

KAREN MITCHELL
(TX-M4403-K8758-72)
SWM, 5'7", 175, long-term CD. Attended Texas T Party 1993. "Interested in meeting and corresponding with other gender people. Photos appreciated."

JOAN R.
(TX-P-M4699-K10389-70)
SWM, mature, 6'2", crossdresser. "Looking for friends near Houston, along Interstates between here and SE Michigan where I visit. Still deep in closet, but peeking out. Interests are theater, photography, music—jazz to classical, travel, sharing girl talk, advice, experiences and quiet evenings. Love to correspond with anyone, anywhere. Photo please."

BRITTA STONE
(TX-P-M4773-K9846-71)
Serious TS. Hormones, electrolysis, long hair (it's mine)—everything but the operation. 5'10", 135, 30-something. Sense of humor, great smile (which photo fails to show), sultry (which it does), athletic, educated. "Love to samba!"

R. W.
(TX-M4790-K10551-79)
"Royal ship of the line and a bikini on you. Please write."

MONICA KATRICE ROBERTS
(TX-M4891-K10827-71)
Member GCTC. 6'2", 185, 5/4/62, blk TV/TS on hormones. College educated. Can travel easily to other parts of US. Interests are military board games, history, all things female. "Wish to meet and form friendships with other TV/TS, especially my African-American sisters and understanding females. Will write all who respond."

JESSICA W.
(TX-M4991-K7670-71)
Transgendered member of SIS. "I have a man in my life. I'm interested in friendship with other TS/TG individuals. Am on hormones. Love my female persona. Please write."

SARA CHRISTY S.
(TX-M4995-K10844-72)
Pre-op M-F, recently started female hormones, in process of legally changing all personal records to female with new name. Currently undergoing TS therapy. Have understanding family. Have joined local TS support group. Would appreciate advice regarding transition period. Love to write. Please let me hear from you."

COLORADO
[800- 816-]

NANCY JANE S.
(CO-M4453-K9490-72)
SW TG/TS tendencies. 45, very passable, ladylike, sissified and petticoated, passive, quiet. Likes dating men. Women friends. Desires FT

situation with right man or woman. "Would love to hear from TS, men, women for friendship. Can travel. Let's have fun. SW CO."

SHEETAH O.
(CO-P-M3638-K6276-72)
GWM, 6', 165, 46, blue/green eyes. Good sense of humor, shy with new people, outgoing rest of time. Submissive as a woman. Prefer glamour look. Long legs, trim, sensitive breasts.

KELLY F.
(CO-NP-M4980-K9261-72)
S BiWM TV, 5'8", 140, 10. Psychotherapist and professional musician. "I enjoy travel, cooking, skiing and Yoga/meditation. Love dressing up. Would like to meet other TV/TSs in my area."

MARLA B.
(CO-P-M4263-K5352-71)
Delta Chapter, Tri-Ess; GIC Colorado; Compu-serve ABFII; GEnie Girl; AOL. SWM, hetero, bi-gendered TV. Software designer, artist, writer, teacher, businesswoman, engineer and philosopher. "Enjoy dining, shows, music and sports. Delight in both the balance and the dichotomy of my male and female self. Welcome meeting/corresponding with others."

ANNDREA DANIELS
(CO-NP-M3726-K5545-76)
Attended Coming Together '91, Fantasia Fair '92, Esprit '93 and IFGE '94. WM CD/FI, mid30s, 5'7", 145, blonde/blue. Interests: doing FI shows, enjoy wide variety of music, restauranting, swimming, skiing. "Llousy correspondent, but getting better. Like shiny, happy people. Dying to do more shows."

WYOMING
(820-831)

LORI LARKIN
(WY-P-M3229-K6287-70)
Member Tri-Ess, GIC, Denver, CO. Attended T Party '92-'94, California Dreamin' '93. Divorced, mid-40s, 5'6", slight build, 7/8. Interested in golf, fishing, Corvettes, shopping, and dressing. "Would love to spend more time as Lori, but am somewhat restricted by where I live. Looking forward to new experiences. Like corresponding with others. Travel, outings possible."

PAT F.
(WY-NP-M3576-K7562-72)
Native American SCD with TS feelings. 5'7", 147, brown eyes, black/gray hair. "Taking care of brother in wheel chair limits time for hobbies and dressing up. My wardrobe and I are still in closet. Willing to exchange photos, phone numbers and letters with anyone interested."

IDAHO
(832-838)

DAVI BRIGGS
(ID-P-M2078-K2472-72)
TV with strong TS tendencies, S, 5'11", 155, mid-40's, brown eyes, brown hair. "Like to hear from other sisters who are not afraid to step out of the closet, go shopping at the mall, for groceries, in stores..."

WANDA S.
(ID-M3238-K6335-70)
SWM, 50. Interested in autos, fishing, reading, and music. "Starting to more thoroughly explore my femininity. Would like to meet/correspond with TV/TSs in ID, OR, WA, area."

MICKIE ANN S.
(ID-M3842-K2868-70)
Mid-40's, 6', 200, MWM, brown hair and eyes. Interested in camping, mountains, hunting, rafting, cooking, and dressing up. "Love to dress when I can. Have never been out, but want to learn all I can. Like to meet/correspond with others."

BONNIE M.
(ID-P-M4124-K8917-70)
Single pre-op TS, 5'10", 150. Interested in Native American culture, museums, mountains, fishing, hunting, camping, archery, photography, travel, meeting new people. On hormones since '79, electrolysis complete, saving money for surgery, breast augmentation. Living full time since '85. Want to meet couples, men, women, TV/TSs for friendship, dating, mutual interests, relationship."

BARBARA NEWMAN
(ID-P-M4354-K9249-72)
Member Tri-Ess. 45, SWM. Interested in camping, foot-

ball card collecting and being Barbara. "I am a lifelong crossdresser who just recently went out for the first time. I have a supportive girlfriend. Want to write other sisters. Will try to respond to all. Will trade pictures."

KRISTINE TANNER
(ID-P-M4705-K10402-70)
Attended Texas T Party '94. DWM, late 20s, 5'11", 160, 14. Interested in fly fishing, camping, travel, shopping and attending more events in the transgendered community. "I just came out for the first time and have much to learn. Would like to correspond with other TV/TSs, especially in the NW."

UTAH
(840- 847-)

MARY ANN L.
(UT-P-M2120-K1458-71)
Participant: Texas T Party, Fall Harvest, IFGE, Holiday En Femme. DW, TV/TG, 36, 5'3", 155. "Fairly passable. Love to hear from people in the SLC and Utah area. Like to develop friendships with women who find TGs fascinating."

KANDEÉ STORRS
(UT-NP-M2726-K4384-76)
DWM, straight, 41, 5'10", 180. RCGSE (International Court) Board. Enjoys performing, raising money to fight AIDS, recreational crossdressing. Rhonda Shear wannabe. Wish to meet others (male or female) with similar interests.

ROBIN J.
(UT-M3339-K6618-70)
34 D/W/CD/TV/TS/? "Am very interested in corresponding/meeting others. I'm interested in music, shopping, outdoors and comedy clubs. I've started accepting myself as I am. Would like to meet others who can see me in the same light. Looking forward to attending my first convention. Would like to know what to expect."

DESTINY D.
(UT-P-M4247-K9545-72)
SW hetero CD, 33, 5'5", 119, with TS tendencies. "Would like info about local TS programs, support groups, etc. Hormones since 1/93. Professional Fed. Born to shop, love the outdoors, flirtatious clothes and British sports cars. Semi-closeted. Like help in becoming more passable."

ARIZONA
(850- 864-)

JENNIFER E. SAMSOL
(AZ-P-M1056-K1467-70)
Member A Rose. DWM, 6', 175, 46, warm, caring, open professional. Interested in cooking, all music except hard rock, metaphysics, hunting, fishing, computers, camping en femme, sunsets, horses, and dogs. "Fond of gold clothes, heels, and blonde hair, but also enjoy tight Levi skirts and tight blouses, etc. Travel quite a bit. Please write."

TOMMIE F.
(E AZ-P-M1158-K1453-72)
"Lifelong CD has large collection of panties and bras in all styles and colors. Want to hear from serious lingerie collectors. Looking for undies from 1930-1960. Like minis, bosomy look. real passion for heels, hosiery, and lingerie. Would like to correspond with TV sisters, exchange photos and lingerie."

CINDY N.
(AZ-M4047-K8782-70)
Member Alpha Zeta, A Rose. SWM, divorced, 5'7", size 18, early 50's. Interested in photography, computers, desert 4-wheeling, and, of course, shopping. "Enjoy meeting new people. Have been editor of *Cactus Flower* for three years, and still like doing it!"

DAGNY T.
(AZ-P-M3268-K6393-71)
Member A Rose, Alpha Zeta. Hetero CD, 30s. "Former President of Alpha Zeta. Christian Libertarian. Pass okay in public. Seeking GG open to CD lifestyle. Email: 75056,100 CompuServe."

LAURIE K.
(AZ-M2777-K4607-72)
TV, 5'7", 130, slender, feminine figure, pass easily, considered realistic, attractive. Enjoy being sophisticated, fashionable woman of good taste. Interested in art, theater, literature, antiques, architecture, interior design, music, vintage wines, and fashions. "Love to meet/write passable CDs in Phoenix area, elsewhere. Not interested in men!"

TRISH NICOLETHOMAS
(AZ-P-M3320-K6584-70)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Zeta, A Rose. 5'9", 30ish. Attended Holiday En Femme, '93. Single, college degreed, sense of humor, and open-minded. "Former California/Colorado girl. Now a Desert Dudette. Out regularly with the Val-

ley Girls, for sure. Enjoy FI shows, movies, sports, snow skiing, and working out. SASE works best."

RASHEL RICHARDS
(AZ-P-M4084-K8769-70)
Member Tri-Ess. Single, hetero transgenderist. Interested in SCUBA diving, underwater photography, travel and everything feminine. "Love to network with serious sisters. Own women's apparel new and resale shop catering to the gender community."

KASSANDRA G.
(AZ-P-M4269-K0263-71)
Local MAGGIE affiliate. MWM, CD 44, 5'11", 175, blonde, blue eyes. "Like all types of music, corresponding with and meeting other CDs and women who enjoy the companionship of CDs. Enjoy clubs and other public places as a woman. Also being with real women while dressed. Look forward to new acquaintances."

J.B.
(AZ-M4888-K8301-72)
Phoenix area. Single, never married, 43-yr male seeks ultra-feminine early stage pre-op for monogamous, disease-free relationship.

REBECCA B.
(AZ-P-M4791-K1362-70)
Member Alpha Zeta, Tri-Ess. "I am 63 years old and 5'10", 210, TV. Interested in being involved with other TV/CDs. I work with wood building southwest furniture. I really would like to hear from other sisters."

NEW MEXICO
(870- 884-)

RENEE G.
(NM-M4200-K7141-71)
33, 5'8", 145, closet CD. "Love heels, hose, lace and lingerie. Interested in corresponding, photo exchange, and meeting some new friends. Will answer all."

RHONDA V.
(NM-P-M4616-K10151-70)
5'9", 140, dark brown long hair. Interested in being as feminine as possible, dressing conservatively. "Enjoy my feminine side and work hard at passing. I pass well, have great legs, and love to show them off by wearing short skirts and high heels. Would love to hear from and perhaps meet GGs, passable CD/TSs."

DEBRA NICHOL K.
(NM-M4789-K1292-71)
Gentle TV interested in meeting similar minded girls or boys in the northern state (LA-SF) area who are tired of the macho scene. 47, 12, learning how to pass. "Let's get acquainted."

RITA CLARKE
(NM-P-M4819-K7743-71)
MWM, 43, 195, TV with TS tendencies. "Enjoy conversation, movies, music, travel, and helping other TVs. Lifelong TV. I love everything that it takes to be a female. Would like to help others for it's a great life to be feminine outside that closet. Slow, but will answer. Let's trade photos."

NEVADA
(890- 898-)

BRIANNE B.
(NV-M2681-K4276-71)
TS, 5'8", 130, brown hair, eyes. Interested in computers, business electronics, women's fashions. "I love being a woman and a lady. I'm looking for a support group in the Las Vegas area, or someone I can talk to."

DENISE H.
(NV-M3741-K8199-77)
MWM, 51, 6'0", 185, CD/TV. Wife very supportive. Member Crossroads in MI. "Just retired and relocated to Las Vegas. Seeking group or couples who enjoy the CD/TV life. Have enjoyed socials, Be Alls, outreach to individuals/groups/classes and developing supportive materials! Look forward to correspondence/meetings in NV area."

DIANA T.
(NV-M4005-K8611-70)
MWM CD, 6'1", 175, 40s, professional, wife very supportive. "Looking for CD/TV-friendly couple to help us unravel the mysteries of our secret world. I also collect lingerie-advertising items, and would love to hear from other collectors, will purchase/trade. Discreet meetings possible in Las Vegas or elsewhere."

HENRY O.
(NV-M4099-K8884-70)
Single, hetero male, non-CD, 6'4", 240-60, seeks exchange of dialog with community. "Very people-oriented Christian. Have worked within the community. I am familiar with the community and individual needs. Photo appreciated!"

CALIFORNIA
(900- 960-)

ELIZABETH C. JOHNSON
(CA-NP-M1030-K1527-71)
30-something, post-op engineer. "Enjoy gardening, cooking, music, mall hopping, fashion, UFO searching, electronic designing and redesigning professional television systems. Daytime television soap fanatic (*The Young and the Restless*). In the southern 'Rock and Roll' California area."

BETSY B.
(N CA-M1104-K1692-72)
Member STVC, NWGA, SGA, RGA, Tri-Ess. Participant Dreams, Coming Together, Tahoe Femme Flings. DWM, older TV with long

experience of crossdressing. "I enjoy depicting a well-dressed, dignified older lady befitting my age. Enjoy parties and other CDs. Will answer correspondence."

MARLENE L.
(S CA-P-M1036-K1602-72)
"I am a member of the Alpha and Tri Chi Chapters of Tri-Ess. Attended Holiday en Femme in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Atlanta; California Dreamin'; Pajaro Dunes; Lake Tahoe events. Am 61, working full time, play tennis. Currently single."

LORRAINE HALL
(CA-P-M1150-K1648-72)
"A senior lady traveling down the long, arduous trail from male to female would love to hear from anyone interested in leaning on an ancient, but soft feminine shoulder."

LISA HUNTER
(CA-M2112-K2522-72)
TV/TS. "Have lived as a woman most of my life, except for one year (last). Starting to live female again."

JEAN F.
(CA-P-M1291-K1589-70)
Lifelong dresser, 63, little experience out. "Avid reader and collector of reading material. Into computer video, many CD and she-male. Would trade or sell books. Do some public speaking (12-step program), bicycle and snow ski (racing). Need plenty of guidance. Let's write and share."

SHARYN BETH MINSUK
(CA-NP-M1472-K7809-73)
Single bi M-F TG, 34, 6'0", electrolysis nearly complete. "PhD research (in embryology) keeps me too busy for pen-pals, but not too busy for dates. Attractive, relaxed non-smokers sought, SF Bay Area for movies, conversation,..."

KAREN R.
(CA-P-M1514-K1234-72)
Member Neutral Corner. Attended Texas T Party '92, '93; California Dreamin' '94. "I write comedy for the community, ideas are appreciated. If you can poke fun at our community and still feel comfortable with and about yourself, I'd love to hear from you!"

KATE GOLDMAN
(CA-P-M1652-K0760-70)
5'8", 158, 46, very discreet TV, supportive wife. "Recently moved to California. Enjoy computers, photography, ultra-light flying and all aspects of affecting a feminine persona. Rarely out in public, but my self confidence is growing. Enjoy corresponding with others. Like to find a south Ventura County girl or two. Photo appreciated."

DONNA FREEMAN
(N CA-P-M1664-K1819-71)
Member DVG, ETVC, Tri-Ess, RGA, NWGA. Co-Founder of Diablo Valley Girls. Participant Holiday En Femme, Pajaro Dunes, Coming Together '89, Dignity Cruise I. MWM hetero TV, 47 5'9", 160, 16, warm, caring, sensitive; usually passable. "Enjoy good food, friends and conversation; computers, shopping and all things feminine. Lifelong CD, public for 6 years. Understanding and actively supportive wife."

STACY C.
(CA-P-M1806-K1961-71)
Married CD, 40s, 6'(she 5'7"), auburn, green (both of us). "We attended California Dreamin' '93. Psychology graduate student studying gender issues—specifically the root cause of TV/TS/CD. 'Is there a predictive measure for identifying this behavior before adulthood?' Would love limited correspondence with intelligent, open people. Include P/P for fast response."

RACHAEL D.
(N CA-P-M1811-K1957-71)
Member ETVC, RGA, DVG. 55 TV. Tolerant wife, family knows. "Active in many groups, but enjoy going out doing regular activities dressed best of all. Pass well. Dress conservatively and often. Would love to go to work en femme. Actually, my wardrobe is 80% female. Me, too! Grin!"

BARBARA ANN B.
(CA-M2510-K3598-70)
Member Tri-Ess, Neutral Corner, Born Free, Powder Puffs.

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ELIZABETH BLAIR
(S CA-P-M1927-K2214-72)
39, 5'10", 165, size 14/16. "Fun, caring and sensitive. Attractive, full feminine figure. Pass well enough to enjoy going out. Interested in shopping, cooking, computers, photography,anything feminine. Photo appreciated."

AYNN H.
(CA-P-M2117-K2511-70)
6'4", brown hair, hazel eyes, beautiful legs. Interested in walks in gardens, heady conversations, movies, crossdressing, dining out, theater, reading. "Bi and would enjoy writing or telephone conversations with other TVs 35-45 years old, who live in the South Bay area of LA. Let's get together for sheer fun of crossdressing."

TOM W.
(N-CA-M2637-K4185-72)
49, 5'10", 220, brn/wht, N/S, N/D and rarely drink. "I'm a WM who will escort feminine passable ladies on outings, etc. Have many interests. If you would like to meet a nice guy who will treat you like a lady, I would love to hear from you."

LORI CALLWAY
(SCA-P-M2586-K3755-71)
5'6", thin. Interested in old movies, '60s rock (esp. Beatles), reading history, mysteries, and photography sessions en femme. "I love being feminine, and being around others who share similar interests. But, it's more than just a physical thing, it's a state of mind. Interested in relationships with sincere people. Want to share experiences. Would love to meet GG/TS/TVs."

ARLENA ROSE
(CA-P-M2273-K2847-70)
Member of ETVC. Attractive bi-TG, 5'6", 12, shaved body, brown hair, blue eyes, sense of humor, intelligent, loving, sensitive, caring. Prefer to live in female gender, attracted to same. Feminine TV/TS/GGs, select novice TVs or couples. "Depth of caring can only be measured by pleasure received."

CONNIE Y.
(CA-M2988-K5143-70)
Retired military, 54, 5'10", queen size. "Lifelong interest, recently out to enthusiastically supportive wife. Enjoy cars, bikes, pumping iron, sexy CDs and the beach at night. Learning computers and woodworking, employed in automotive field. Lousy correspondent, but will try harder. Super security conscious, rest of family is unaware. Try me."

ROXANNA ROCHETTE
(N CA-P-M2350-K3063-70)
Member ETVC, DVG. Married redheaded TV, with open lifestyle and actively supportive wife. 5'11", 170, forever 39. Interested in art, photography, fashion, modeling, and erotica. "'We are who we pretend to be.' Interested in correspondence, friendship and meeting anyone who is sincere to practice the art of gender illusionism."

KRIS M.
(C CA-P-M2713-K4340-71)
CD, 35, 5'8", brown hair/eyes. "Sensitive and caring. Love everything feminine. Crossdressing since age 5. Will correspond to anyone who shares an interest in being feminine. Would appreciate letters, photos. Thanks."

CAROL LEE
(CA-M2798-K4622-72)
Middle-aged Oriental hetero TV. Non-smoker. "Enjoy photography ,dressing up to go shopping,to the movies. Enjoy soft, tasteful feminine clothes to blend in with the occasion. Interested in meeting others with similar taste."

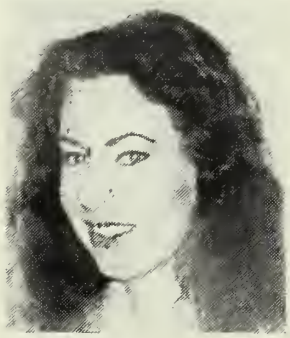
PATTI PIERCE
(CA-NP-M2799-K4649-72)
Member Born Free,several other local groups. Hetero CD, widower, 6'2", 158. "Enjoy organic gardening, ham radio, woodworking, shopping as Patti. Love pierced ears. In public five years, enjoy each new adventure. Picture guarantees reply.

LUCY ANN JONES
(CA-P-M2833-K4704-72)
Member ETVC. Blue eyes, long auburn hair, 6'1", 180, post-op M-F (12-21-82) Biber Girl, 16T, self-employed computer consultant, voice coaching, and astrology. "Pisces sun sign, moon, Scorpio rising, something with Aries. Bi-lesbian in relationship with genetic female for eight years. Your SASE and photo gets mine."

CHERYL BEAUMONT
(CA-M3269-K6455-70)
Member ETVC. Busy professional, single, enjoy the hobby,•only go for the complete look. "Finishing electrolysis this summer. Would be interested in swapping letters or, if you are on Compuserve, drop by the HSX-200 forum for a chat."

JUDI BENSEN
(CA-NP-M3063-K4877-73)
MWM, 40+ hetero. Lifelong CD. "Wife has observed and assisted, but does not understand. I adore our feminine side. I have been away for awhile, seeking pen-gals for better understanding."

JOSEPHINE C.
(CA-P-M3137-K5115-73)
"Black, hetero CD, 5'10", 195, married to a loving Japanese woman who understands my need to crossdress. Very shy, and would like to come out of the closet. Profession prevents it. Enjoy mathematics, chess, computers and Japanese. Would love to make friends with CD/TV/TS/TG. Sexual orientation not a problem."



JULIE R.
(CA-P-M3152-K5943-70)
34, pre-op M-F TS. "Am thinking of having voice modification surgery. Would like to hear from anyone who has had voice surgery or knows someone who has. Hopefully, Dr. Mayers' surgery."

BILLIE JEAN JONES
(CA-P-M3205-K6197-99)
Member ETVC, DVG, RGA, SGA, CGNIE, SLCC. Attended ETVC Cotillion, Fantasia Fair, Miss ETVC 1992. Late 30's (like 45), 6', 150, children (23, 20), 2nd marriage (whadda year!), Androgyne, gender bender, numerous scars, offbeat personality. Interested in blabbing, writing, photography, music, discovering diversity, living fully, making a difference, laughing. Publish *TV Guise* - Contributors welcome. "This is my real life."

CHARLENE HUNTER
(CA-P-M3460-K7122-71)
Mèmber ETVC, DVG, NWGA. Post-op TS, 55, 5'11", 162. "Enjoying life in N CA wine country. Nonsmoker, hazel eyes, auburn hair. Caring person. Interests:travel, vintage autos, C & W music, sewing, gardening, make some clothes. Looking for sincere friendship with open-minded individual leading to possible relationship."

DALE C.
(CA-M3597-K7625-72)
Member ETVC. TG, 41, on hormones, M-F. Interests include music, baseball, outdoors. "Interested in meeting others who consider themselves TS. Also to meet supportive women."

LAURA RODGERS
(CA-M3627-K7688-71)
58, 5'10", 165, have nice figure. Like trips to the beach, vintage cars, sewing with machine, music. "Dress appropriately for my age, greyish wig, stylish clothes, etc. Enjoy dressing, wife supportive, but has never seen me dressed. Still in closet. Answer all mail."

KATRINA REED
(CA-P-M3677-K7999-71)
TG, 43, Bi, androgynous, on hormones. Lifelong CD, supportive wife. "Delight in all that is soft and feminine. Fascinated by the issues of transformation of consciousness, magic and shamanism implicit in crossdressing historically. Counter-culture orientation. Teacher of Buddhism, Meditation and Deep-ecology. Would love to hear from others, especially in S CA."

RACHEL B.
(CA-M3793-K2890-72)
SWM, 45, 5'7", 125, blonde hair, blue eyes. "Lifelong TV but still in closet trying to get out. Yearning to achieve total feminine look. Wish to meet and correspond with other sincere, discreet *Tapestry* readers."

BOBBI B.
(CA-P-M3693-K8021-72)
Tri-Ess/Androgyny/California Dreamin'/Texas T. "Accepting wife. Tall, late 50s. Looks/acts much younger. Fun, spirited, hot, playful, sexy. Actress. Loves miniskirts, heels, modeling—to dance/play.go shopping/clubs with new sisters. Just starting, but on fast track. Ooooh, I just love it all. West LA area."

PATSY A.
(CA-P-M3710-K8054-72)
Member ETVC. MWM, TV, tax accountant, 44. "Like softball, biking, camping, family outings, and, of course, dressing when possible. Support gender groups, but not dressing in public. Host tea parties with female friends. Would like to correspond with North Bay/SF TVs and friends."

CHARLI RICHARDS
(CA-M4068-K8799-70)
Member Tri-Ess. MWM, 6'+, 215, 60+, non-smoker, wife unaccepting. "Have not allowed myself to accept femme side until recently. Am learning. Finding that there are other sisters who are most supportive and cordial has been very helpful. Dress when able. Answer all. Enjoy and encourage contacts with sisters."

TINA H.
(CA-P-M4104-K8886-70)
Member SGA. "Hi, my name is Tina. I enjoy corresponding and meeting TV/TSs. Also enjoy exchanging photos and life experiences. Please write and send photo. Return with same."

PAMELA A. MILLER
(CA-P-M4107-K8760-71)
Member Tri-Ess. 5'8", 155, 14, 53. Interested in service groups, helping others, music (all kinds), old movies, Star Trek (new one), walking on the beach, clothes shopping, my jacuzzi, practicing makeup, long hair (blondes do have more fun), dancing (all kinds), long dresses. "Recently came out. Wow! Please write."

MARY R.
(CA-P-M4140-K8927-70)
"Like to meet Cds in Bay area; NS. Love heels, dancing, partying. I've been dressing up for 10 years. Want to socialize and go out more. I really have an appreciation for you dressed up. Write so we can, phone, correspond, or meet."

JOANNA NICHOLS
(CA-M4727-K10454-70)
"Part-time TV wants to become full time TS. Willing to do anything asked to achieve my goal. Anyone that can help transform and guide me out of the closet and into womanhood, please contact me. Am single and can relocate anywhere in US to accommodate your needs and desires. Answer all who respond."

LYNDA CLARE MERCY
(CA-P-M4210-K7303-71)
Parkhurst Society. INTERNET UNDERGROUND MUSIC ARCHIVE via the world-wide web - http://www.iuma.com/band-html/Ravenus.html via FTP-ftp.iuma.com-music/Ravenus "Wild Music Songstress saving up (selling my soul) for SRS. Cassettes available."

JAMIE H.
(CA-P-M4532-K7546-70)
Blue eyed, 44, lifelong CD. Looks and thinks years younger. 5'7", 150. "I'm 25% into electrolysis and will begin hormones spring '94. Enjoy music, sports, outdoors and feminine attire. Would love to meet understanding women and new friends within the gender community."

MICHELLE DAVIS
(CA-P-M4644-K10253-70)
Lifelong crossdresser, 34, tall and passable. Caring, sensitive, love art, movies, rock 'n' roll. "Have spent the last year with my wonderful soul-mate exploring my feminine self. Would like to meet other CDs and possibly form a group on the central California coast. Go out in LA, SF often."

LAURA H.
(CA-P-M4674-K10348-70)
Member Born Free. 38, TG. "Love playing and listening to music, intimacy, romance, writing and reading. Would love to correspond with TG/TV/TSs from all over. Meetings possible in S. Cal. area."

ANN SMITH
(CA-M4351-K9593-72)
San Diego area member Neutral Corner. SWM, 55, 5'10", 180, grad. degree, unshockable, 14/16, big wardrobe, world traveler, computers, writer, Spanish bilingual speaker. Dress all the time. Very spiritual, metaphysical. Travel widely in the US.

JANET D. NICHOLS
(CA-P-M4736-K6663-70)
Member ETVC, co-founder DVG. 45, 5'9", 145, light brown frosted, WM CD for 10 years. Interests stereo, video photography and computers. "Like socializing and meeting people, especially interested in education and helping others to come out. Love writing and doing what I can to help our community be better understood by the public."

CAROLYN C.
(CA-P-M4761-K10758-70)
6', 180, early 50s, looks younger. Interested in sunbathing, sailing, art and craft. "Lifelong CD. Married. Wife knows. Need help,encouragement to come out. Would like to join transgender groups."

PAULA R. STEELE
(CA-P-M4845-K7640-71)
Member Neutral Corner.

5'10", blonde, blue eyes, extremely honest, discreet, isolated and alone. Pre-op. "I've worked and cross-lived for 4 years. Seek long-term friendships with loving, caring people. Enjoy country-western music, movies, malling. I know I'm not the only lonely person out here, right?"

BRENDA D.
(CA-NP-M5023-K8491-72)
MWM CD. "Would love to hear from other sisters. I have an understanding and supportive wife. I love the feel of stockings over shaved legs, taste of lipstick, silkiness of panties, cool breeze up my short skirt. What do you like? Write to me and tell me."

HAWAII (& ISLANDS) (967- 969-)

SHERI SUZANNE THOMAS
(HI-P-M4862-K6291-71)
42, 5'9". "Crossdressing since childhood. Passable. Have TS inclinations. Adore everything feminine. Would love to take hormones and live full-time as a woman. But, still in closet. Play guitar. Interested in music (rock and classical) and art."

TRACY ANN RYAN
(HI-NP-M2180-K2598-73)
President Hawaii Transgendered Outreach. Crossliving TG. "Will correspond with people planning to visit Hawaii, people interested in our group or group formation elsewhere, and people interested in real estate or who are in the real estate business."

OREGON (970- 979-)

RHONDA F.
(OR-M2708-K4343-71)
42, 5'10", 165, still in closet. "Wife knows and is tolerant. Small town paranoia. Like traveling in Oregon and most outdoor activities. Love lingerie, TV fiction books, and have large collection of both. Love catalogue shopping."

ELLEN SUMMERS
(OR-P-M0382-K1703-72)
IFGE Board of Directors, Vice-Chrprsn Board of Directors, Chrprsn Nominations Committee. Member NWGA, ETVC, Emerald City. Awards "DREAM" Grand Dame '83, IFGE Trinity '91. 5'10", 185. "Been part of our community 17 years. Enjoy travel, big band era music, being Ellen, shopping for Ellen. Wish to help new girls. Family knows of Ellen, and understands."

RONI LANG
(OR-P-M3599-K7624-72)
Member NWGA. SWM. Interested in bowling, water skiing, snow skiing, photography, travel, dancing, theater. "Enjoy all activities as Roni. Enjoy being out and about in town. Have appeared on several television and radio talk shows. Captain of the bowling team."

JAN C.
(OR-M3514-K7221-70)
MWM, 5'10", 170, 60+. Computer nut. Interested in dressing, easy listening music, travel. "Want to meet other CDs. Will write all. Wife non-supportive, so need someone to talk to and learn from."

MICHAEL/MICHELLE T.
(OR-M4211-K9494-71)
33, SBM, TV, 5'9", 151. "Fun, sensitive, sincere, and attractive. Enjoy a full feminine figure. Love *all* things feminine! Have enjoyed crossdressing in the closet all my life. I'm coming out! Would love to have many, many girlfriends. No picture, yet. Looking to meet like-minded in Portland area for sharing, support."

RANAE DEAN
(OR-M4883-K10051-72)
DWM, 44, 5'10", 145, brown hair and eyes. Interested in the outdoors, reading and camping, expressing my feminine side. "Love to meet or write to understanding people to help me reveal my feminine side. Want to attend a convention, but I'm too shy and unsure of my femininity."

AMY KATSUMI S.
(OR-NP-M4910-K10861-72)
CD since childhood. Recently returning from long hiatus. Hetero, 39, 5'9", 140. "Wife reluctantly tolerant. Masculine side loves computers, sci-fi, Japanese animation. Femme side creates art work, poetry—loves to shop. Looking for ways to pass."

WASHINGTON (980- 994-)

MICHELLE DANIELS
(WA-M3532-K7254-71)
5'8", 165, long red hair, green eyes, 40. Interested in '50's, '60's, '70's cars, seeing new places, meeting new and all great people in our special ways. "Not much in the way of support groups or the likes around here. Have to go a ways, but still do dress and love it. Love to correspond with others. Travel continental US part of summer. Will answer all."

SANDY S.
(WA-P-M1022-K1728-71)
Member Emerald City. Participant Esprit '90, '91, VP of Emerald City. 185, M, blond, blue eyes, 47. Interested in CD, boating, computers, camping, flying. "Enjoy go-

ing out and doing the town. Would like to meet others, wives too. Passable. Been to several very public affairs and look forward to more. Want to be accepted as the middle-aged lady I am."

JUDY OSBORNE
(WA-P-M1024-K1719-72)
Member Emerald City, NWGA, Tri-Ess. Enjoy sailing, reading, sports, cooking. "Learning to sew, but not very good yet. Love being out in the world doing the things other women do, having fun."

EMILY THOMAS
(WA-P-M3119-K5669-73)
Member Emerald City, Tri-Ess. 5'7", 155, 52, brown hair and eyes. Married 25 years to an understanding woman. Interested in sewing, weaving, spinning, computers, wood working, plants, and reading. Enjoy working with other CDs on the Emerald City Hot Line and write occasionally to sisters who are patient with my slow responses."

MELISSA LEEANN P.
(WA-P-M2102-K2505-72)
"Pre-op TS, living full-time for over a year. Interested in collecting dolls, sewing, calligraphy, model railroading and stamps. Enjoy my new life as a woman. Will answer all letters."

ELLEN MARIE ANDERSON
(WA-P-M3142-K4212-70)
Member of DCEA, Tri-Ess. 43, 5'9", 16, blue eyes, frosted (graying) dark brown hair, married to an extremely supportive lady. Love shopping, good food and wine shared with friends. "I love being out among my sisters, and meeting new sisters in my travels. I'm a slow but steady correspondent."

GERRI BECKEN
(WA-P-M3230-K6299-71)
6'0", 170, 39, single CD/TV. Like reading romance and science fiction, bicycling, long walks, dressing. "Wish to meet and/or correspond with other sisters. Enjoy dressing and occasionally going out in public. Only occasionally able to enjoy my feminine self."

CASSANDRA OWENS
(WA-P-M3868-K4261-70)
26, 5'6", 135, hetero CD. Attended Esprit '93 and Fall Harvest '93. "I find crossdressing to be a great escape from the pressures of the real world. Enjoy photography, fashion, and being accepted as real woman in public. I warn you, I am a terrible correspondent, but I will try."

JASON CROMWELL
(WA-P-M3828-K1722-73)
Member of Ingersoll Gender Center. Attended Coming Together '91, '92, Southern Comfort '91, '92. FTM, 40, active in gender community for past nine years. Interested in anthropology, art, music (rock to open), literature, riding a motorcycle. "Interested in corresponding with other FTMs and female TVs. Sometimes slow to reply, but will answer all."

LINDA LOUISE S.
(WA-M4001-K8609-70)
Feminine MWM/Lesbian TV, loves beauty in nature, art, music, and interpersonal relationships. Unsupportive spouse restricts life for now. Seeks feminine M-F TV of F who is loving, gentle, upbeat, sense of humor, and shares some of my interests: good music, reading, stimulating conversation, and romance; for friendship now and commitment later."

JESSIE H.
(WA-P-M4668-K10333-70)
Member Ingersoll Gender Center, Emerald City, Lesbian Resource Center. 42, lesbian, 5'11", 170, loves animals, doing arts and crafts, toys, the beach. "Wants: M2F, TGs who are sweet and gentle. Diversity honored, open minds, positive energy. Don't want: masculine behaviors, anger, criticism, loud, bossy, racists, sexist, conformists, closed minds, negative energy. I love you!"

LORRIE T.
(WA-M4057-K7891-70)
MWM, smoker, 47, 5'7", 135. Interests: outdoors, animals, reading, computers. Supportive wife. "I love all things feminine: lingerie, makeup, wigs, nails. Love to dress. Want to correspond and eventually dress with others in area who enjoy dressing one-on-one. I am new, nervous, and need help. Photo would be nice."

ANNE L.
(WA-M5027-K9023-73)
Member Emerald City. 44, 5'11", 155. Non-supportive spouse. Interests include art, dance, digital photography. "Wish to meet other TGs in Seattle area, major west coast cities, Chicago, NYC, for friendship and travel. Wish to correspond, share experiences with other professionals attempting gradual transition through androgyny."

ALASKA (995-999-)

SUZANNE TAYLOR
(AK-M2422-K3304-71)
Married, 38, CD, 6'2", eyes

of blue, 140. "Just attended Coming Together in Portland as my first event. Looking forward to seeing all of the beautiful people that I met there in Atlanta in '95! A special thanks to Yvonne, Veronica, and Stephanie for making my first time great."

NORA JEAN YORK
(AK-P-M1425-K1744-70)
Founder Berdache Society, Identity, Equal, Congress of Reps. 1st Berdache Princess, Princess Imperial Court of all Alaska, Speak Out America, Alternative Medicine Advocates, Coronations '89, '90, '91, '92, '93. "Am finally enjoying being the woman I was meant to be. A friendly, happy TS in transition. Studying aroma therapy, herbalism, Goddess Worship, Wicca."

BOBBIE WENDY TUCEY
(AK-P-M3314-K6591-71)
Member Berdache Society, Alaskan T-People. Attended Alaska Coronation '92, '93. WHM, 51, 5'5", 135. supportive wife and grown and gone children. Interested in computers, art, play guitar and flute. "Spend non-work time as a woman, go out a lot. Love to communicate. Please write. Photo appreciated."

CANADA

ROBYN V.
(CAN-NP-M2449K3392-70)
Member of Gender Mosaic, Ottawa and Monarch Social Club, Toronto. Hetero TV, 49, married, family. Interested in theater, classical and other music, skiing, and boating. "Robyn loves to shop, dine and enjoy others en femme. Travel to NYC, Toronto, Ottawa,other cities. Could we get together sometime? Please write. Photos appreciated."

ANGEL RICHARDS
(CAN-M3715-K8046-72)
"Hi, my name is Angel and I'd love to hear from other TV/TSs, especially those in my area. I'm interested in corresponding with other amateur artists, and I like cooking, makeup, and other female-lifestyle things."

STACEY M.
(CAN-P-M2740-K4423-71)
Attended Coming Together '91, '92, '93, Fantasia Fair '91, '92. SWM hetero, 5'11", 165. Interested in running, banjo playing, friendships, relationships, golfing. "Consider myself a dresser, not cross. Stacey is an embellishment to my male role. I'm very open and public. Passing not an issue. Presentability and decorum important. Using dressing for personal growth of self."

KAREN FOX
(CAN-P-M3140-K5888-73)
Attended Fantasia Fair since '92. Hetero CD, 5'9", 145, 40ish. Interested in computers, books, stockings, and high heels. "Been a crossdresser since I was a teenager. I enjoy the feel of stockings against my hairless legs. Enjoyed travelling to spend a week in Provincetown and emerging as Karen."

MICHELLE JOHNSON
(CAN-P-M3165-K1754-70)
"Enjoy fine dining, theatre, live musicals and doing anything mainstream. Feel completely 'right' in the female mode. Get out regularly day or night. Enjoyed Texas T and Esprit,trip to Las Vegas with friends was best. 5'7", 52,12,40s. Tolerant spouse."

JAMES G.
(CAN-M4685-K10367-71)
Single genetic male in 60s very interested in all transsexuals and androgynes. "Would like to correspond with a M-F and F-M TS (especially the latter, and post-op). Must be willing to share experiences. Also would like to correspond with genetic females. Only TS, androgynes and genetic females, please write."

ERICA JAYNE R.
(CAN-P-M3323-K6583-70)
Attended 1988 Coronation Ball in Vancouver. 5'10", 170, single. Friendly, fun, and outgoing. Interested in flying, motorcycling, all things feminine. "Love going out as Erica. Friends know about her. Looking for people for friendship and girl-talk. Open, honest, and discreet. Would like to hear from others, especially in the Vancouver and Seattle area. Photo, phone appreciated."

JENNIFER BLAKE
(CAN-P-M3385-K6790-71)
Married, 29, very supportive wife, passable, love shopping as a female. "Love to write about my adventures in detail. Have written multiple part fantasy stories. Married 1990 en femme, with gown and ensemble. Love prom, bridesmaid and bridal fashions. Would love to hear from sisters everywhere. Promise prompt response to all."

KRISTY BEVERLYLYNN
(CAN-P-M3502-K7186-72)
Member Chicago Gender Society, Prairie Rose Gender Club. Attended Be All '92, '93, '94. Post-op W female, 5'9", 160, clean, nonsmoker. Interested in carpentry, model railroading, architecture, travel. "Seek long term relationship with F-M post-op or M. Intentions matrimony, love and guidance, career. Prefer Chicago, Minneapolis, Charlotte. Founder of TV/TS group in Winnipeg."

MICHELLE M.
(CAN-NP-M3475K7228-75)
Member Boulton and Park. 5'8", 22W, motivated, self-employed entrepreneur, supportive wife, certified electrologist. Interested in self-improvement, sewing, helping other CDs out of closet. "Looking for other CDs for social gatherings, Toronto to Oshawa area, away from radical Downtown Scene. Life's too short to just stay alone at home."

JANET C.
(CAN-P-M4855-K7328-71)
"Love buying new music, shopping, and the pursuit of beauty and freedom. Respect and admire women. Dreaming of being a bride. Best of luck, girls, in living your life the way you want."

DAWNA TRACY
(CAN-P-M4787-K2066-71)
SWM, mid-30s, tall, thin pre-op TS. "Lifelong dysphoric seeks good friends (maybe job). NO SEX LETTERS. Love lots of music, travel, sketching, photography, British humour, youth/forced TV stories and infantilism. Hope to crosslive this year. Love all fashions, but blend in public unnoticed. Good at makeup."

CHRISTINE B.
(CAN-NP-M4486-K9701-73)
Tall, slim, blue-eyed brunette, hetero CD, early 40s. "Interested in intelligent, sensitive, non-sexual correspondence with anyone who is either struggling or reveling in this difficult/joyous condition/opportunity life has presented to those who are gender gifted."

AIMÉE K.
(CAN-P-M4718-K10433-70)
"A thousand blouses, hundreds of skirts, dresses, and what used to be called unmentionables. Older TV who likes buying almost as much as dressing would like to hear from other Tvs interested in trying on and/or acquiring some of above."

ROBYNN MARIE LAYNE
(CAN-P-M4455-K3419-73)
S, bi TV, 30something, 5'7", 145. "Dressing since childhood, clean and sober ten years. Confused until recently discovering this wonderful community! Not passable yet, but hopeful. Many interests: femininity, writing, photography, music, sports. Seek correspondents sharing support, feelings, and emotional growth. Reserved, lonely, loyal friend. Write, I'll answer!"

MEXICO

KATARINA B.
(MEX-P-M4183-K6444-71)
27-year-old TS about 5'7", brown eyes, black hair. Interests include *STAR TREK*, Sci-Fi, literature, movies, winter sports, computers (networks). "Just starting to go out. Active in some computer networks. Currently trying to write sci-fi novel with a TS protagonist. Would welcome all correspondence."

ANGELA LOPEZ
(MEX-P-M4462-K7626-72)
TS 38, 5'7", 155. "Just beginning transition, on hormones. Married, two children. Living as a male for awhile. Want to exchange opinions with other married TSs. Don't know how to handle my problem with wife and children. Trying to join/form a TV/TS group anywhere in Mexico for support. Am alone in Mexico."

BRAZIL

RICK G.
(BRAZIL-M4560-K9889-73)
Member Rose's (*Repartee*). WSM 5'7", 150, 29 years old. "I would like to make

friends with TV/TS/CDs. I love lingerie and high heels. I can travel anywhere. Please write."

UNITED KINGDOM

ANNE FORRESTER
(SCT-NP-M2791K4526-72)
Founder of Grampion Gender Group, member Scottish TV/TS Group. Attended Coming Together, Fantasia Fair. Pre-op TS, divorced, 63 going on 40. Writer and editor (Ph.D.). "I travel widely, write a lot, and edit *The Tartan Skirt* and run a gender helpline. I'm a conservatively dressed lady who loves ballgowns."

KAREN BARCLAY
(ENG-P-M3191-K6155-70)
Tall, slim, CD, 25. Live with understanding girlfriend. Interests: Aikido, foreign travel, current affairs. "I believe crossdressing sets you free. You can get more from a dress and a kind word than from just a kind word. So, take a deep breath and write."

EUROPE

EVA K.
(GER-M3749K6460-72)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended EuroFantasia '93. Married couple, both mid-30s. Interested in feminism, philosophy, sociology, cross-dressing, the gender community. "Interested in contacting other 'transgendered' couples. We are both totally out of the closet. Do not like to be normal any more."

AMANDA Q.
(GER-P-M4252-K9420-72)
Member Rose's (Repartee). Attended EuroFantasia. 35, TV/TG, brown hair, brown eyes, married. Interested in art, music, feminine fashion, cooking. "Have just discovered a route out of my closet thanks to EuroFantasia. What a wonderful feeling freedom is! World, here I come! Sensitive, caring and very sincere person. Will answer all."

BARBARA D.
(BEL-NP-M4568-K9925-73)
MWM, 6'2", Member Rose's, 31, hetero TV. Interested in music, photography and computers (active on BBSs). "Busy professional, but will always try to find time to answer your letters or meet and even accommodate if you are traveling to Belgium."

SUSANNE ANDERS
(AUST-M2774-K4604-72)
Member FPE SWEDEN. 52, 5'8", 180. Middle aged, 16/18, quiet CD since almost forever. Interested in travel, camping, music, cosmopolitan interests, fashion. "I would like to communicate with other CDs or interested people. Am married, supported, but not understood. Have participated in meetings in Sweden and in the USA."

JENNY SAND
(NOR-P-M2584-K3753-68)
Member FPE-Northern Europe. Attended Fantasia Fair '90, '91. TV, 38, 5'8", 120. Enjoys low-budget world travel, meeting warm, open-minded, humorous people. Interests include literature, music, art and film. "Love to feel feminine. Go out dressed with friends and other club members as often as I can. Interested in hearing from anyone, especially sisters in Europe. Please, write!"

AUSTRALIA

JOANNE WILSON
(AUS-P-M2516-K3664-73)
MWM, 5'10", 160, 50+. Interested in reading, writing, theatre, arts, film. "Total look TV since preteens. Professional author/writer. Love to correspond, share pictures. Guarantee replies."

KYMAYRES
(AUS-P-M4559-K9888-73)
Treasurer Seahorse Society NSW. MWM, CD, 5'5", 130, 10/12, 61, arts teacher, degree in Visual Arts and Art History and Criticism. Practising artist. Interested in arts, music, writing, photography. Accepting, supportive wife. "Would like to correspond with other crossdressers."

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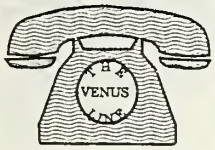

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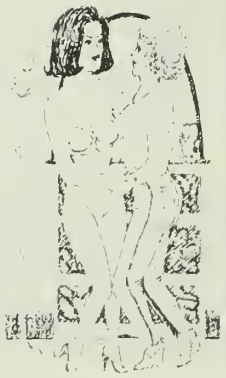
By AUDREY TAYLOR



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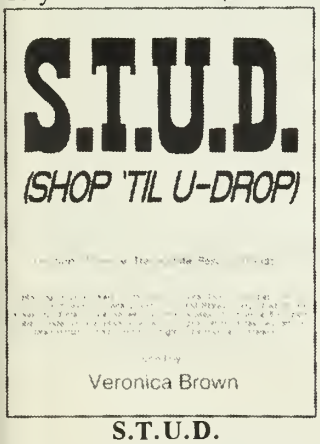

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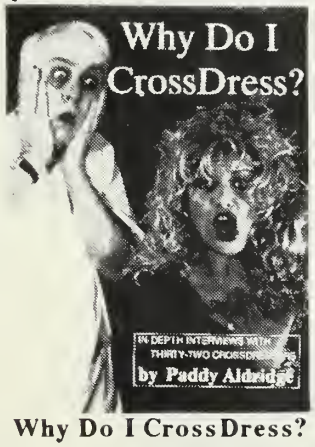

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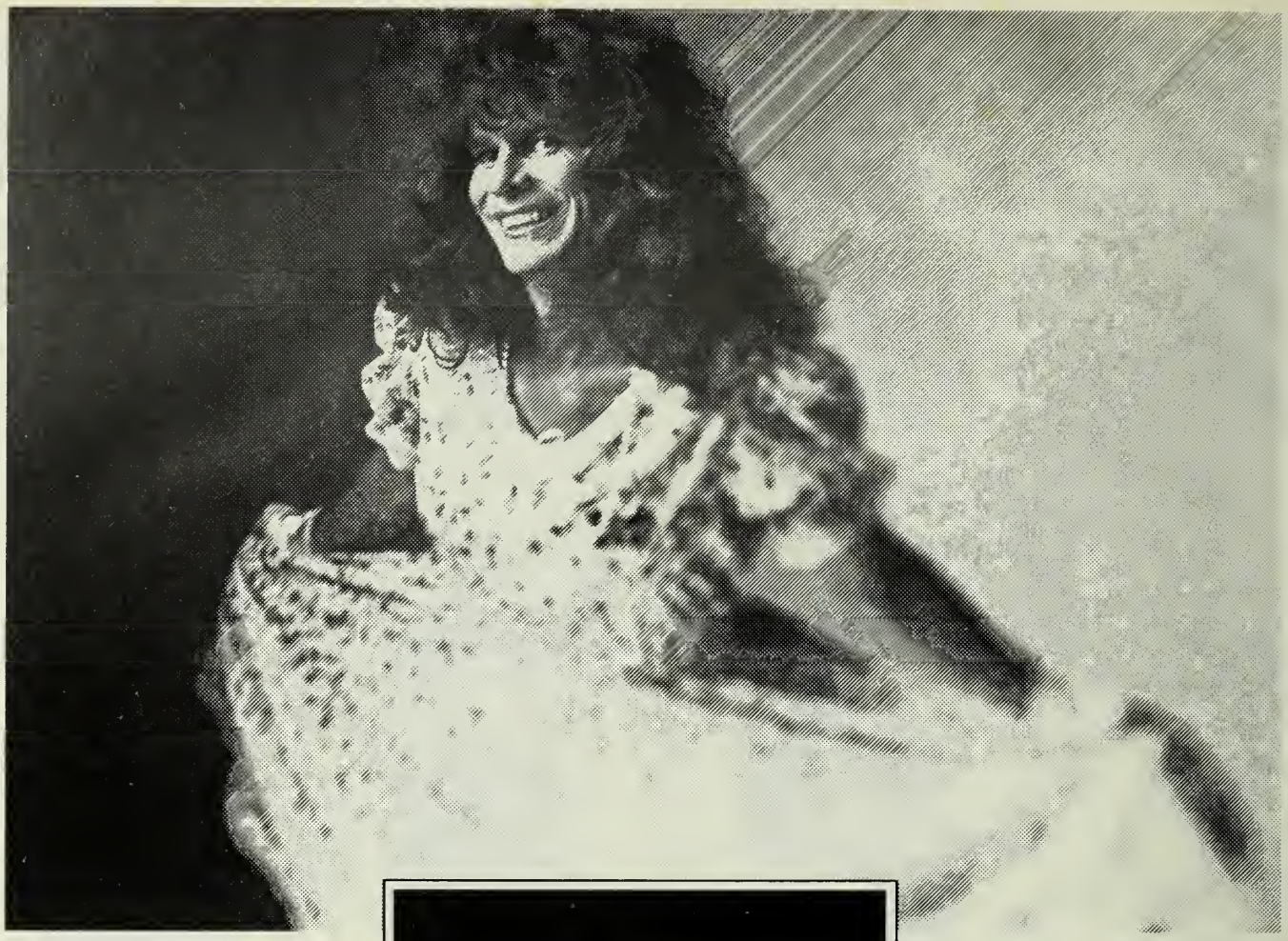

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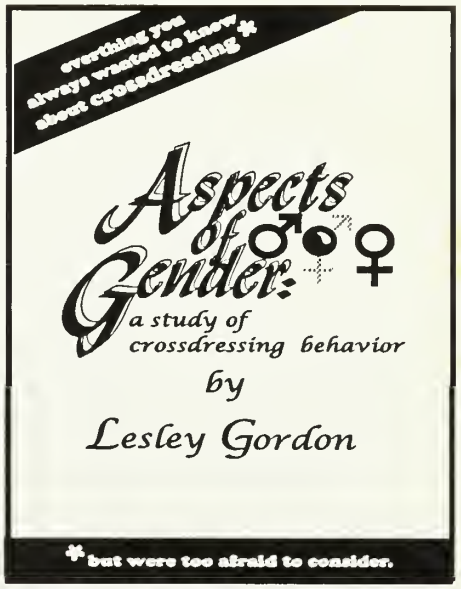

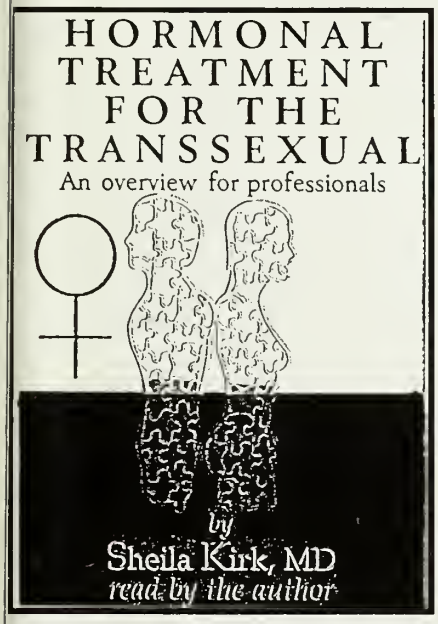

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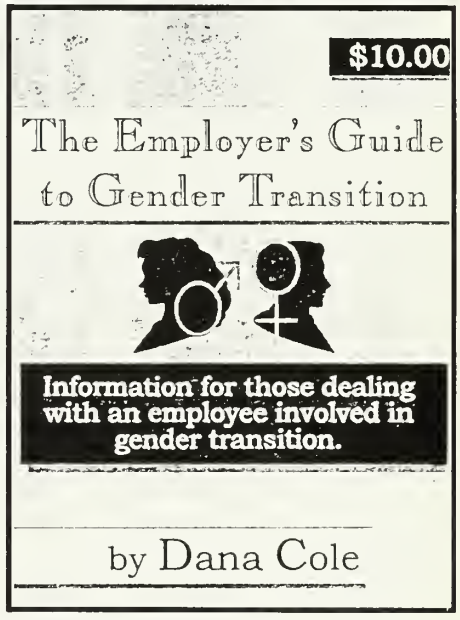

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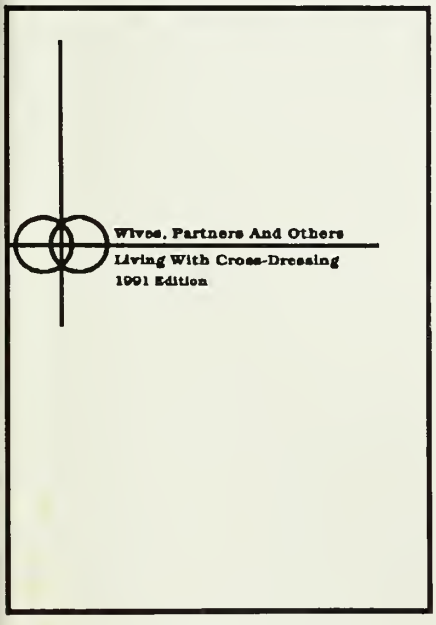

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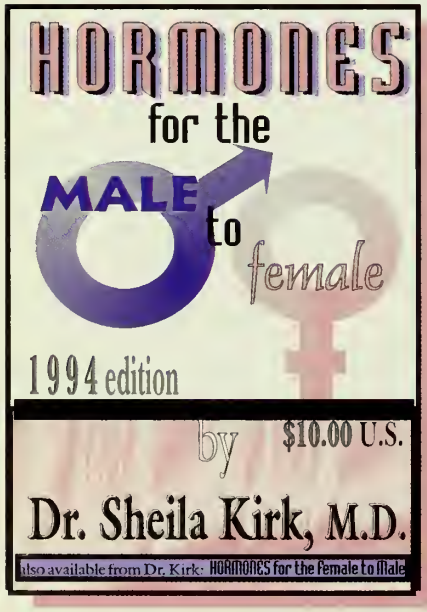

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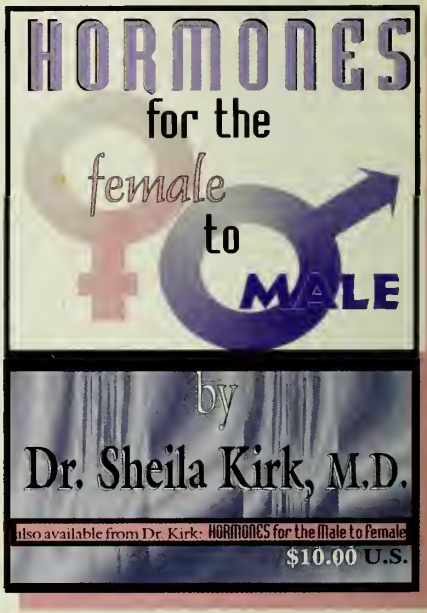

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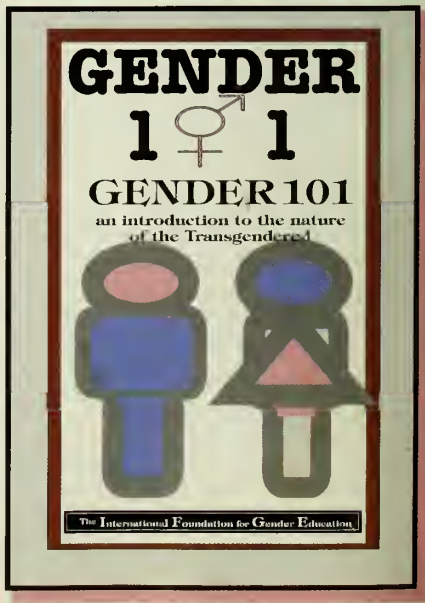

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